





ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

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SUBJECT :

NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA

Bose

JMCI (MUKERJEE COMMISSION)

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**PARLIAMENT QUESTION/  
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**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(NGO SECTION)**

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**Subject:** (I) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 12 for 1-3-2005 by Shri Subrata Bose, MP regarding expenditure incurred on Subhas Chandra Bose enquiry committees, and  
(II) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 811 for 1-3-2005 by Major General (Retd.) B.C.Khanduri, MP regarding Subhas Chandra Bose

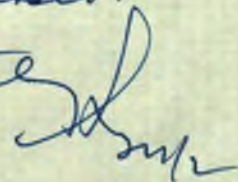
Reference MHA endorsement no. I/13012/1/2005-NCB-II dated 22 February 2005 (FR-I) and no. 13012/2/2005-NCB-II dated 22 February 2005 (FR-II) seeking MEA's inputs on two Lok Sabha Unstarred Questions by Shri Subrata Bose, MP and Major General (Retd.) B.C.Khanduri, MP regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. Available NGO records relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose have been scrutinised. A file No. 25/4/NGO-Volume-II relating to "*The establishment of an Enquiry Committee to enquire into the circumstances of the alleged death of Netaji Bose*" has been located, which contains papers/notings dating back to 1955-56 on the work of the Shah Nawaz Committee.

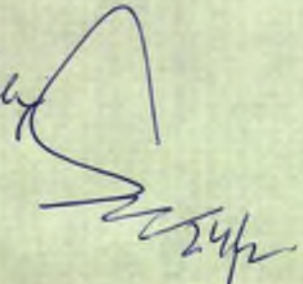
3. Similarly, inputs in respect of proposed visit of JMCI to Russia in September 2004, which was eventually cancelled, are placed below, for replying to FR-II.


  
Section Officer (NGO)  
24 February 2005

**IS(CNV)**

Thanks. As discussed.  
Notes p.w. separately 

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## FAX MESSAGE

From: Director General, India-Taipei Association, Taipei

To: Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

Reference your fax message dated 24 February 2005 regarding documents and records requested from Taiwanese authorities in connection with alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose.

Subsequent to the visit of JMCI, the authorities have written to the concerned agencies requesting them to locate documents that might be in archives. Authorities have requested for more time, since these records, if available, will need time to locate. Due to the long Chinese New Year holidays from 4-14 February, they have only been able to initiate matters last week.

We have reminded them again today about the urgency of this matter, and will pursue the JMCI request.

Regards,

*Vijay Gokhale*

(Vijay Gokhale)  
Director General

No. Tai/Pol/1/2004  
Dated 25 February 2005

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

*JMCI file*

*Sh. SK*



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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**  
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NO. JMCI/STAT.REPT./99-2000/33A (III/419(4))

February 15, 2005

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)  
Officer on Special Duty

To : 1. The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Attention : The Joint Secretary (Security),  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India, North Block,  
New Delhi 110001.

2. The Secretary,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.

Attention : The Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India, South Block,  
New Delhi 110001.

3. The Secretary,  
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,  
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.

4. The Director,  
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,  
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

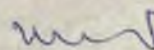
Subject : Status Report from 01.01.2005 to 31.01.2005

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to your Ministry / Department / Office).

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above



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**Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry**

88For Inquiry Into the Alleged Disappearance of

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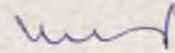
**STATUS REPORT**

(From 01.01.2005 to 31.01.2005)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.12.2004 to 31.12.2004 forwarded earlier by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their respective ends (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to them).
2. (a) The hearing of the Commission was held on January 07, 2005 at 11.00 O'clock in the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata 700007 and out of four witnesses summoned only two witnesses, viz., Dr. V.K. Kashyap and Dr. Madhusudan Pal were present and examined / further examined during the said hearing. The deponents prayed for fixing another date for hearing of the arguments.. Their prayer was considered and allowed for fixing January 14, 2005 for arguments.  
  
(b) On January 14, 2005 three Learned Advocates, namely, Smt. Chandrei Alam, Shri Rudrajyoti Bhattacharya, and Shri Keshab Bhattacharya were heard and February 3, 2005 was fixed for the next hearing.
3. (a) The Hon'ble Chairman visited various establishments of the Government of Taiwan and the local Government of Taipei City on January 26 and 27, 2005. The Secretary of the Commission, who was to accompany the Hon'ble Chairman could not do so owing to his serious illness. On both the days, Shri Subrata Bose, one of the deponents in the Inquiry, was present all along. On January 27 Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, a deponent and Shri Keshab Bhattacharya, Learned Advocate of the Calcutta High Court appearing for some of the deponents were also present. The Hon'ble Chairman requested Mr. Sean Hsu, an Officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan to search for some relevant documents which were not readily available and to send true copies of the said documents to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India for onward transmission to the Commission. Mr. Hsu was kind enough to assure that he would do the needful within a fortnight. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/401, dated 01.02.2005, the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested to kindly pursue the matter.



- (b) On January 28, 2005 the Hon'ble Chairman visited Bangkok and examined Mr. H.B. Kapasi, the only witness made available to the Commission there. Shri Bose, Shri Chakravarty and Shri Bhattacharya were present at the time of recording the deposition of Mr. Kapasi. The Hon'ble Chairman came back to Kolkata on January 29, 2005.
4. (a) Further to the position stated in para 3 of the Status Report for December, 2004 it is stated that the Commission has no knowledge as to how the Writ matter referred to therein stands at present.
- (b) Shri Keshab Bhattacharya, Advocate for All India Forward Bloc and another has sent to the Commission on January 4, 2005 an advance copy of the affirmed application which he stated, would be mentioned on January 6, 2005 before the Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court to get the matter similar to the Writ petition mentioned in para 3 of the Status Report for December, 2004, heard on January 7, 2005. It is not known to the Commission how this matter stands at present.



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty





**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI

**D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII**

**11 March 2005**

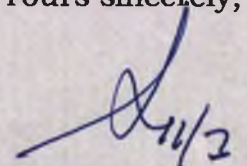
Dear

Please refer to Secretary (JMCI)'s letters no. JMCI/25/2000/298 dated 25.11.04, drawing attention to a sworn affidavit filed by one Dr. Tilak Raj Sareen of New Delhi and to a newspaper report that appeared in the Telegraph newspaper on 26.9.1994, wherein a reference was made to the availability of "**accessible pictorial and documentary material on Netaji's stay at Saigon in 1945 with the Government of Vietnam**".

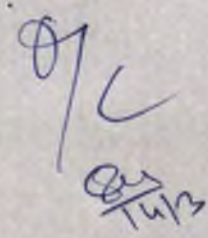
2. We had taken up the matter with our Mission in Hanoi (Vietnam). The Mission thereafter approached the Director General of the Vietnamese State Archives Department for assistance in the matter.

3. A copy of the reply dated 23 February 2005, received by the Mission from the Director General of the Vietnamese State Archives Department is enclosed alongwith a similar reply received on 28 August 2003. It would be seen from these responses that no records are available with any of the museums or archive centres in Vietnam that could have provided clues to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Yours sincerely,

  
(L.D. Ralte)

**Shri M. Roy**  
**Officer on Special Duty,**  
**Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,**  
**'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,**  
**Kolkata 700 087**







Ambassador of India, Vietnam  
भारत के राजदूत, वियतनाम

HAN/103/18/2005

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2005

Dear Shri. Ralte,

I am writing to you with reference to your DO letter No 25/4/NGO-Vol XIII dated 07 January 2005 and other related correspondence exchanged between the Mission and your office, in connection with the Justice Mukherjee Commission of enquiry.

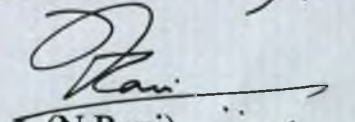
2. In our ongoing efforts to obtain information/documents, which may give some useful clues to the Commission of enquiry and also to follow up the contents of sworn affidavit filed by Dr Tilak Raj Sareen of New Delhi (Para 2 of your letter of 03 Dec 04), we once again approached and liaised with the Director General of State Archives Department of Vietnam. He in turn approached all national archives centres in Vietnam to ascertain if any records were available, which may give useful clues regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

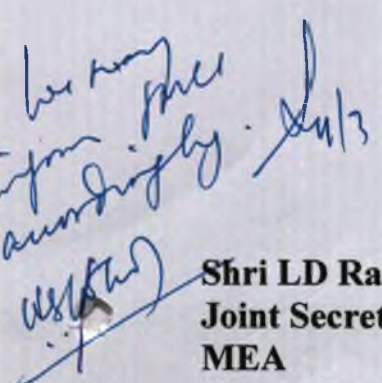
3. A copy of the reply received from Director General of the State Records and Archives Department dated 23 February 2005 is attached for your perusal. A copy of similar reply sent by them on 28 August 2003 is also enclosed.

4. It would be evident from a perusal of these letters that no records are available with any of the museums or archive centres in Vietnam which may provide clues to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

  
(N Ravi) 23/2

  
Shri LD Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)  
MEA  
New Delhi - 110011



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**THE STATE RECORDS AND ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT OF VIETNAM**  
12 Dao Tan, Ba Dinh, Hanoi. Tel. (84 4) 8327001; Fax. (84 4) 8328553

Ref. **72** /VTI.TNN-TTNC

Hanoi, **23** February 2005

**To: The Embassy of India in Vietnam  
Hanoi**

The State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam presents its compliments to the Embassy of India in Vietnam and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note Verbale No. HAN/103/17/2004 dated December 23, 2004, as follows:

In 2003, at the request of the Embassy of India in the Note Verbale No. HAN/103/16/2002 dated July 23, 2003, the State Archives Department, now the State Records and Archives Department, instructed all the national archives centres of Vietnam to search for the records relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the Indian leader and founder of the Indian National Army, however they didn't find out any documents on the above matter. The State Archives Department has informed the result to the Embassy of India in the letter No. 420/LTNN-NVTU of 28 August 2003.

Up to now, no any pictorial or documentary material on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has been discovered in the holdings of the national archive centres under the State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam.

The State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Embassy of India in Vietnam, the assurances of its highest consideration.

**DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE STATE RECORDS AND ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT  
OF VIETNAM**



Dr. Duong Van Kham



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**THE STATE ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT  
OF VIETNAM**

**The Socialist Republic of Vietnam**  
*Independence – Freedom – Happiness*

*No. 420/LTNN-NVTU*

*Hanoi, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2003*

Ref. Materials on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Vietnam

***Kind attention to: The Embassy of India in Vietnam***

In reply to the Note Verbale No. HAN/103/16/2002 dated 23/7/2003 issued by the Embassy of India in Vietnam, requesting us to provide materials related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, an Indian leader and the founder of Indian National Army, in Vietnam, the State Archives Department has the honour to inform that:

According to the reports made by All the national archives centres of the Vietnam State Archives Department, the agency in charge of archiving all materials on history of Vietnam, there is NO document related to the appearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Vietnam in these centres.

Please accept, the esteemed Embassy, the assurance of our highest consideration.

**Recipients:**

- As mentioned above
- Archive

**FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
STATE ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL**

***Nguyen Thi Tam***  
(signed and sealed)



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**CỤC LƯU TRỮ NHÀ NƯỚC CỘNG HÒA XÃ HỘI CHỦ NGHĨA VIỆT NAM**

**Độc lập - Tự do - Hạnh phúc**

Số: 420 /LTNN-NVTU

V/v tài liệu liên quan đến  
ông Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose  
ở Việt Nam

Hà nội, ngày 28 tháng 8 năm 2003

Kính gửi : Đại sứ quán Ấn Độ tại Việt Nam

Về văn bản số HAN/103/16/2002 ngày 23/7/2003 của Đại sứ quán Ấn Độ tại Việt Nam gửi v/v đề nghị cung cấp tài liệu liên quan tới sự có mặt của người sáng lập và lãnh đạo quân đội Ấn Độ Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose ở Việt Nam, Cục Lưu trữ Nhà nước xin trả lời như sau:

Theo báo cáo của các Trung tâm Lưu trữ Quốc gia thuộc Cục Lưu trữ Nhà nước - nơi trực tiếp quản lý tài liệu lưu trữ lịch sử của Việt Nam thì hiện nay, các Trung tâm không có tài liệu liên quan tới sự có mặt của ngài Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose ở Việt Nam. Vậy, Cục Lưu trữ Nhà nước xin thông báo để Đại sứ quán Ấn Độ tại Việt Nam được biết.

Chúng tôi xin gửi tới Quý cơ quan lời chào trân trọng./. *nh*

Nơi nhận:

- Như trên,
- Lưu VT, NVTU. *ds*

**KT. CỤC TRƯỞNG CỤC LƯU TRỮ NHÀ NƯỚC**  
**PHÓ CỤC TRƯỞNG**



**Nguyễn Thị Tâm**



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Dy. No. 715/JS (CNV)/2005  
Date 3/3/05

**MOST IMMEDIATE**  
**PARLIAMENT MATTERS**

(10)

**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**(Parliament Section)**

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May please see the enclosed LSS U. O. No 4395/09.03/2005-Q dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2005 received from Question Branch,, Lok Sabha Secretariat for **facts and comments** on Lok Sabha USQ Dy. NO. 4395 for 09.03.2005 regarding Controversial disappearance of Subhash Chandra Bose.

It is requested that facts/comments in respect of the above Question may be furnished **immediately** to **Lok Sabha Secretariat**, as per their directions. A copy of the earlier reference is enclosed herewith.

A copy of your reply may also be endorsed to Parliament Section for information.

*N.K. Sood*

(N.K.Sood)  
Section Officer (Parliament)  
3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2005

**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

*We should give copy of our note  
to Parl. Section. 4/3*

*us (for us)*

*Already sent  
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JMC file*

*En. SK*



**MOST IMMEDIATE**

**LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT**

JS (CNV)

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**B.S. DAHIYA**

UNDER SECRETARY

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Dated : 02.03.2005

NO. SQ. 4395/09.03/2005-Q

Dear **Shri Ernest**,

Please refer to this Secretariat U.O. of even numbers dated the **26.02.2005** forwarding a copy of **S.Q. Dy. No. 4395 for 09.03.2005** regarding **Controversial disappearance of Subhash Chandra Bose** for facts.

2. No reply has been received so far from your Ministry. I would request you to please look into the matter personally and have the facts furnished **immediately**.

3. In case facts are not received **immediately**, the admissibility of the question will be decided on merits presuming that Ministry have nothing to say in the matter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



UNDER SECRETARY

**Shri K.P. Ernest,**  
**Joint Secretary (coord.)**  
**Ministry of External Affairs,**  
**Government of India,**  
**NEW DELHI.**



**MOST IMMEDIATE**  
**PARLIAMENT QUESTION**

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Ministry of External Affairs  
(Parliament Section)

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May please see the enclosed Provisionally Admitted Question(s)  
for Lok Sabha Diary No(s) 4395 for  
answer on 09.03.2005 received from Question Branch of Lok Sabha  
Secretariat on 28.02.2005.

It is requested that comments in respect of the above question(s)  
may be furnished immediately to Lok Sabha Secretariat, as per their  
directions.

A copy of your reply may also be endorsed to Parliament Section  
for information.

*N.K. Sood*  
(N.K. Sood)  
Section Officer (Parliament)  
28.02.2005

JS(EA)

*Scd*  
*28/2*

*Dir (EA)*

**URGENT**

CNV has been handling  
this matter. We will be  
happy to assist.

*Ankush*  
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JS(CNV)

*In Pk*  
*1/3*

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*US (Parl)*

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*as 1/3*  
*SB (Parl)*





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**B.S. DAHIYA**  
**UNDER SECRETARY**

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**MOST IMMEDIATE**

LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE  
NEW DELHI - 110001.

Dated 26/2/05

D.O. No. 4395/9.3/05-Q

Dear Shri/Shrimati Ernest

Enclosed is a copy of **Question Dy. No. 4395** regarding Controversial disappearance of Subhash Chandra Bose given notice of as a **Starred/Unstarred** **Question for answer on 09/03/05**.

In case the Ministry wish to submit any facts and comments about the admissibility of this question, the same may be sent to us **Immediately**. The note giving the facts may also indicate the extent of Government of India responsibility involved in the matter.

While furnishing the facts, it may kindly be stated whether these have been shown to the Minister. In the absence of any indication to this effect, it will be assumed that the facts have the approval of the officer who has signed the note.

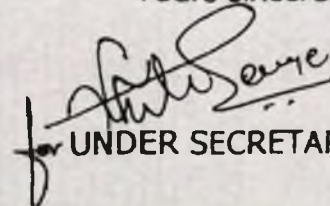
It may be clarified that the plea of 'secrecy', 'public interest' or 'national security' may be taken only at the Minister's level.

It may also please be specifically stated whether the Ministry have any objection to the information contained therein being conveyed to the Member.

In case facts are not received **Immediately**, the admissibility of the question will be decided on merits presuming that Ministry have nothing to say in the matter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
for UNDER SECRETARY

Shri/Shrimati K.P. Ernest  
Joint Secretary (Coord)  
Ministry of External Affairs  
Government of India,  
NEW DELHI.



From

Shri/Smt./Kmr

13 Balasahab Kichar Patil

Date : 75-2-2

To

The Secretary-General,  
Lok Sabha, New Delhi.

Sir,

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I give notice of the following Starred Question for answer on 9.3.2005

Yours faithfully,

Member

Division No.

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Order of preference

\*Will the Minister of External Affairs: be pleased to state

(a)

- (a) whether it is a fact that Taiwanese Govt. has added another twist to controversy surrounding the disappearance of Subhash Chandra Bose by stating that crashed did not happen at all in 1945;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan Cricket Board Chief Shaharyar Khan in his book mentioned I witness account that Bose died in fire that followed the crash;
- (c) if so, has govt of taken up the matter with Taiwan Govt.;and
- (d) if so details thereof and Government's view on the issue ?



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No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/429.

Kolkata, dated, 23.02.05.

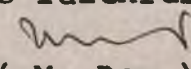
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**Officer On Special Duty**

**To : Shri R.D. Ralte,**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV),**  
**Ministry of External Affairs,**  
**Government of India,**  
**South Block,**  
**New Delhi - 110001.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/401 dated 01.02.2005 and to request you to kindly pursue with the I.T.A, Taipei closely so that they persuade the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan as also Mr. Sean Hsu, an Officer of the said Ministry, to locate and make over true copies of the documents mentioned in the Commission's aforesaid letter dated 01.02.05 to the ITA for onward transmission of the same to the Commission through the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

  
( M. Roy )  
Officer on Special Duty

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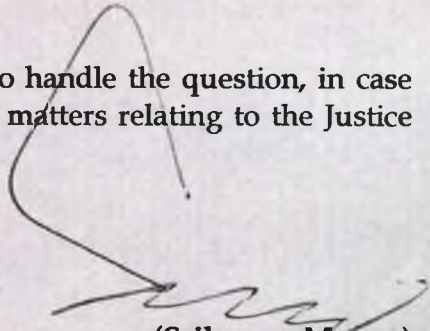
Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Section)

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**Subject:** Lok Sabha Diary no. 4395 for 9.3.2005 on Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

Ministry of Home Affairs may kindly see the enclosed communication received from the Lok Sabha Secretariat (no. 4395/9.3/05-Q dated 26.2.05) and this Ministry's note no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 3.3.2005 on the above subject. The Lok Sabha Secretariat has been requested to consider whether or not the question should be admitted.

2. Ministry of Home Affairs is requested to handle the question, in case the same is admitted, as it is the nodal Ministry on matters relating to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

  
(Srikumar Menon)  
Under Secretary (NGO)

✓ Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri M.S.Zuha, Desk Officer, Security Division, NCB-II Section), North Block, New Delhi.

MEA U.O no. 25/4/NGO-Vol XIII, dated 4 March 2005.

Copy to :

Lok Sabha Secretariat (Shri B.S.Dahiya, Under Secretary), Parliament Annexe, New Delhi, w.r.t. MEA note no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII, dated 3.3.2005.

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**MOST IMMEDIATE**  
**PARLIAMENT QUESTION**

No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII  
Ministry of External Affairs  
CNV Division  
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**Subject: Lok Sabha Diary No. 4395 for 9.3.2005 on Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**

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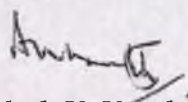
2 The following are submitted for consideration of the Lok Sabha Secretariat to determine whether or not the question should be admitted.

- i. The Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal ministry on the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (JMCI). Ministry of External Affairs has been involved in facilitating the work of the Hon'ble Commission in respect of gathering information from abroad, visits abroad of the Commission including making physical and logistical arrangements and liaising with potential witnesses.
  - ii. With respect to the present question, it is submitted that the JMCI visited Taiwan in 25-28 January 2005. The Hon'ble Commission met with Taiwanese authorities and visited several sites. The India Taipei Association (ITA), a non-governmental office for the promotion of trade, economic, cultural and people to peoples' ties with Taiwan helped with the physical arrangements for the visit of the Hon'ble Commission.
  - iii. This Ministry is aware of the press reports on the visit of the Hon'ble Commission to Taiwan. This Ministry believes that JMCI will reflect all important aspects of its inquiry in its final report. It would be premature for the Ministry to comment on the issue at this point. The ITA has been requested to continue to use their good offices with the Taiwanese authorities to furnish some additional information promised to the JMCI during its visit.
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3 In view of above, and the fact that the JMCI, headed by a retired Supreme Court judge, is yet to submit its report, it is this Ministry's view that the question should not be allowed as it could be construed as pre-empting the outcome and discussion of the issue at this juncture by Ministry prejudicial to the working of the Hon'ble Commission.

This issues with the approval of the Foreign Secretary.

  
(Ashok K. Kantha)  
Joint Secretary (EA)  
Tel: 2301 2038

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Lok Sabha Secretariat  
(Shri B.S. Dahiya, Under Secretary)  
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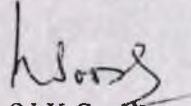
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(N.K. Sood)  
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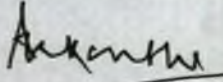
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LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE  
NEW DELHI - 110001.

Dated 26/2/05

D.O. No. 4395/9.3/05-Q

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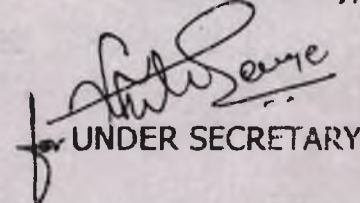
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With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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Joint Secretary (Coord)  
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Date: 75-2-20

From

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To

The Secretary-General,  
Lok Sabha, New Delhi.

Sir,

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Yours faithfully,

Member

Division No.

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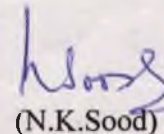
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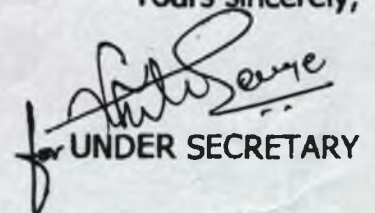
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Ministry of External Affairs  
Government of India,  
NEW DELHI.



Place : New Delhi (25)

Date : 15-2-2005

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Shri/Smt./Mr.

Balasahab V. K. Patil

To

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**FAX MESSAGE**

**TO : SHRI M. ROY, OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY,  
JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY,  
'B' BLOCK (THIRD FLOOR), 11/A- MIRZA GHALIB STREET,  
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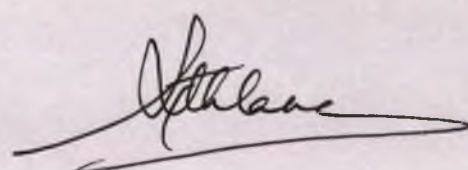
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E-125/4/2005-CA  
**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**(East Asia Division)**

Enclosed herewith copy of an e-mail received from HCI Islamabad in connection with Parliament Question Dy No 4395 (being handled by CNV Division) for answer on March 9, 2005.

*Kumar Tuhin*  
(Kumar Tuhin)  
Director(EA)  
March 3, 2005

JS(CNV)

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**PARLIAMENT QUESTION**  
**CRASH**

No.ISL/125/1/2005

March 2, 2005

From : High Commission of India, Islamabad  
To : Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

Director (EA) from FS (Pol)

Rpt: Director (Pakistan)

Reference your fax message dated February 28, 2005 regarding provisionally admitted Parliament Question Dy. No.4395 for answer on March 9, 2005.

2. Parts a, c and d to be answered by Ministry. Suggested inputs to part (b) of the question are as under:

Yes Sir. Pakistan Cricket Board Chief Shaharyar Khan in his book 'Cricket - A Bridge for Peace' (published by the Oxford University Press, Pakistan in 2005) mentioned an eye witness account that suggested that Netaji died in fire that followed the crash.

3. I am forwarding relevant extracts from 'Cricket - A Bridge for Peace' for background information.

4. This issues with the approval of Cd'A.

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**From:** Director General  
**To:** dschina ; Ashok Kantha, Joint Secretary (EA), MEA  
**Cc:** T.D.Bhutia AD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2005 6:31 AM  
**Subject:** Re: CRASH - PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Dear Tuhin,

Reference the above Parliament Question.

With reference to Para (a) of the PQ, Justice Mukherjee of the Commission of Enquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of Subhas Chandra Bose, visited Taiwan from 26-28 January. India-Taipei Association facilitated this visit through fixing meetings in Taipei as per the request of the Commission of Enquiry. ITA has already sent a Report on the visit of the Commission of Enquiry to the Joint Secretary (CNV). ITA has no further information to provide in this matter. ITA has had no direct interaction with the authorities in Taiwan on the facts of the alleged death of Netaji in an aircrash in Taipei in August 1945.

With reference to Para (b) of the PQ, we have no information about this matter.

With reference to Para (c) and (d) of the PQ, India-Taipei Association, which is a non-governmental office for the promotion of trade and tourism with Taiwan, has not been asked to pursue the specific matter of the facts relating to the alleged death of Netaji in an aircrash in Taipei, with the authorities in Taiwan. We are also not aware whether any other agency or department of the Government of India has taken up this matter with the authorities in Taiwan.

Yours sincerely

**Vijay Gokhale, Director General, India-Taipei Association, Taipei**

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Following is the text of a provisionally admitted Parliament Question Diary No. 4395 for answer on 9 March 2005.

(a) whether it is a fact that Taiwanese Government has added another twist to controversy surrounding the disappearance of Subhash Chandra Bose by stating that crash did not happen at all in 1945;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan Cricket Board Chief Shaharyar Khan in his book mentioned eye witness account that Bose died in fire that followed the crash;

(c) if so, has Government of India taken up the matter with Taiwan Government; and

(d) if so, details thereof and Government's view on the issue?

It is requested that inputs with respect to above may please be sent by return fax/email.

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## Netaji's death: Commission accepts Taiwan's evidence

**An eyewitness account of a retired Pak army brigadier claims he saw Netaji engulfed in flames and burnt alive, after a plane carrying them crashed over China.**

**KOLKATA/ISLAMABAD, UNI/PTI:**

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, probing into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, on Thursday accepted as evidence the Taiwan government's communications denying death of Netaji in a plane crash in Taipei airport.

After the hearing of the commission, first after its visit to Taipei and Bangkok recently, Justice Mukherjee told mediapersons that it had "confirmed" two e-mails sent by the Taiwan Home Ministry and Mayor of Taipei earlier denying Netaji's death in the plane crash and added that those communications would now be considered as evidence.

The judge informed that the commission had received an e-mail from the Taiwan Home Ministry earlier which stated that after reviewing all records during the period from 14 August to 25 October, 1945, there was no evidence which showed that one plane had ever crashed at old Matsuyama airport (now Taipei airport) carrying Netaji. Referring to the other e-mail sent by Mayor of Taipei, Justice Mukherjee said it mentioned about "crash of one USC-47 transporter carrying 26 former American POWs released from the camps in Philippines during the period".

To a query on whether the commission has come to the conclusion of denying Netaji's death in the plane crash, Justice Mukherjee maintained, "We will come to our conclusion in this matter only in our report." Asked to comment on the possibility of the commission's visit to Russia, he said, "It will not be possible for us to visit Russia unless the term of the commission is extended." The judge reiterated that the commission would not seek any extension for its term and would submit the report within May 14.

### **Eyewitness account**

A retired Pakistan army brigadier claims he saw Netaji engulfed in flames and burnt alive, after a plane carrying them crashed over China. An "extraordinary eyewitness account" of Brigadier Habib-ur-Rehman, who also claims he was a close aide of Netaji, was written in detail by Pakistan Cricket Board chief Shaharyar Khan in his new book Cricket: A Bridge of Peace.

Mr Khan claimed he met Rehman, a retired brigadier of the Pakistan army who headed a four-member delegation that visited Chinese border town of Kashgar in Muslim-majority Sinkiang Province in 1967, to establish overland trade exchange through the Karakoram highway.

"Brig Habib Rehman told us that he had been a leading member of Indian National Army (INA), established by Netaji and had been court-martialled on his return to India. On serving out his sentence, he had joined Pakistan army from which he had retired and was now serving as Resident of Northern Areas.

### **Fateful journey**

"Brig Habib Rehman recounted that in 1945, Bose had selected him as one of his aides and he was therefore required to accompany his leader on journeys," Mr Khan wrote. Habib said he had accompanied Netaji on the fateful air journey from Saigon to Tokyo in 1945.

"They had boarded the aircraft at Saigon and after a refuelling stop, the plane was flying over northern Taiwan when one of the engines began to sputter.

"The plane rapidly lost height but the pilot managed to bring it down on a clearing where it crashed into heavy undergrowth. The occupants were severely injured, some dying instantly, others escaping with injuries. Habib himself had been thrown clear as the plane plunged into a thicket because he was sitting near the tail of the aircraft," Mr Khan wrote.



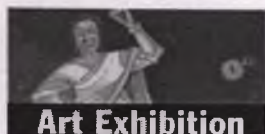


"Though bruised and groggy, Habib found he could still move and ran immediately towards the burning aircraft to see if he could rescue his leader and others who may have survived. When he reached, he saw the charred body of Bose lying beside the aircraft. His suit had caught fire and burnt his body beyond recognition," Mr Khan wrote in his book.

"Habib confirmed that he along with several survivors had attempted to save their leader but his death had been due to his suit having caught fire rather than due to any injuries sustained from the impact of the crash. Habib confirmed that he had been eyewitness to Bose's death," the book said.

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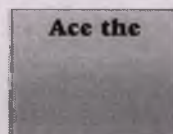
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### Pak light on Netaji riddle

**Islamabad, Feb. 3 (PTI):** Retired Pakistani Brigadier Habib-ur-Rehman, who was a member of Subhas Chandra Bose's Indian National Army, claimed to have seen Netaji engulfed in flames and burnt alive after their plane crashed over China.

The latest theory on the disputed death of Netaji in 1945 has surfaced in a book by Pakistan cricket board chief Shaharyar Khan, *Cricket: A Bridge of Peace*, where he recalls the "extraordinary eyewitness account" of Rehman.

Khan, a former Pakistan foreign secretary, wrote the former Pakistan army brigadier's account after reading a report in a newspaper in Calcutta. The report quoted the Subhas Chandra Bose Society as saying that it believed that Bose was alive and asked for information on him.

Khan said he met Rehman when the brigadier headed a four-member delegation that visited the Chinese border town of Kashgar in Muslim-majority Sinkiang province in 1967. During the meeting, Rehman "provided the eyewitness account of Netaji's death".

"Brigadier Habib Rehman told us that he had been a leading member of the Indian National Army and had been court-martialled on his return to India. On serving out his sentence, he had joined the Pakistan Army...

"Brigadier Habib recounted that in 1945, Bose had selected him as one of his aides and he was, therefore, required to accompany his leader on his journeys," the former foreign secretary wrote.

Rehman claimed that he had accompanied Netaji on the fateful air journey from Saigon to Tokyo in 1945. "They had boarded the aircraft at Saigon and after a refuelling stop, the plane was flying over northern Taiwan when one of the engines began to sputter.

"The plane rapidly lost height but the pilot managed to bring it down on a clearing where it crashed into heavy undergrowth. The occupants were severely injured, some dying instantly, others escaping with injuries. Habib himself had been thrown clear as the plane plunged into a thicket because he was sitting near the tail of the aircraft," Khan recalled.

"Though bruised and groggy, Habib found he could still move and ran immediately towards the burning aircraft to see if he could rescue his leader and others who may have survived. When he reached, he saw the charred body of Bose lying beside the aircraft..."

Netaji had died because "his suit had caught fire and burnt his body beyond recognition", Khan quoted Rehman as saying.

Khan wrote that he, along with other members of the team, was "privy to an extraordinary eyewitness account of a truly historic occurrence that is still shrouded in mystery. I repeat only what I heard on that night in Kashgar".

### No crash: Taiwan

The Taiwan government has informed the one-man Netaji Commission

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during its visit there that there was no air crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945, which is believed to have killed Bose.

Justice M.K. Mukherjee said in Calcutta that Taiwan has told the panel that no plane crashed at Taihoku between August 14 and September 20 and promised to provide documentary proof within 15 days.

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
Kolkata, Feb 4 (ANI): A respondent to the commission probing the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose deposed on Thursday, that Netaji did not die in a plane crash as alleged.

The one-man commission, headed by Justice Manoj Kumar Mukherjee, is open for all those who claim to have any information regarding the death of Bose.

Mukherjee said Chandrayee Alam, one of the respondents, claimed to have documents to prove that Netaji did not die in a plane crash in Taipei on August 18, 1945.

"Mrs. Chandrayee Alam started her arguments. Her main contention was that there was no plane accident as alleged nor did Netaji die in such an accident. On the other hand she argued that Netaji wanted to go to Russia and in support of her such claim she referred to different letters including a letter by Netaji in 1944. She argued that there were materials to indicate that he was in Russia. But the documents she referred to, all related to statements content therein of different persons there. So, unless those persons were examined, those documents their statements made to others cannot be treated as evidence being hearsay. So, therefore she says she will not pursue further arguments on question of Netaji's stay in Russia. But she will argue on other points," Mukherjee told reporters.

Justice Mukherjee would present the commission's findings in May. (ANI)

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





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
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Maryland-based National Archive and Record Administration (NARA), USA, has sent several important documents to the one-man Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry going into Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's mysterious disappearance, suggesting that there was no direct evidence of the death of the leader in a plane crash at Taipei on August 18, 1945.

In its observation contained in four to five-page documents sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, referred to the Inquiry Commission, NARA said that there was also no direct evidence if Bose was alive at that time, Justice MK Mukherjee, heading the probe panel, said here.

MEA had earlier urged the US government for sending 'some documents' regarding Netaji, which might help the Commission.

The Commission was earlier informed by the Taiwan government that there was no air crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945 that reportedly killed Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Justice Mukherjee said after the hearing on Wednesday that the Commission received the documents on February 7 from the Ministry of External Affairs, which had received the papers from NARA.

At the beginning of the day's hearing, Justice Mukherjee asked the deponents to go through the documents if those could help them in their arguments.

The Commission heard the arguments of one Satyabrata Tapadar and one Dr Madhusudan Pal during the day.

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inability to visit Russia to examine documents allegedly pointing to **Netaji's** stay in that country after 1945, due to paucity of time.

Earlier during the day, five deponents argued before the **Commission** that **Netaji** was not killed in the Taihoku plane crash, with one of them-- Madhabendra Paul-- urging the probe panel to visit Russia to examine documents there.

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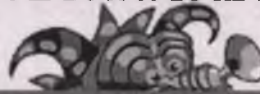
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## US documents show no evidence of Netaji's death in plane crash

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## Netaji mystery: Taiwan to release papers in Feb

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KOLKATA: Documents from the Taiwan government refuting the "air crash theory" related Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will reach the Justice Mukherjee Commission by the end of this month.

The commission has received a message from officials in Taiwan saying that all documents related to Taihoku airport, hospital and crematorium between August 18 and August 24, 1945, will be sent to the commission soon. Justice Mukherjee said several documents were preserved the National Archive in Taiwan. During his recent visit to the country, Justice Mukherjee had requested the Taiwan government to provide the documents.

The commission has also asked the ministry of external affairs to pursue the matter with its Taiwanese counterparts. Earlier in the day, two deponents Madhusudan Pal and Nahdalal Chakraborty presented their arguments against the air-crash theory before the commission. Chakraborty said the publicity and broadcasting minister of the Azad Hind government (headed by Netaji in exile) had circulated the news of Netaji's death an air crash at Taihoku through an international news agency.

Chakraborty said a news agency had quoted a Japanese news agency and argued that it was done to enable a safe passage for Netaji. He argued that the statements made by the alleged co-passengers of the same flight who had appeared before the Khosla commission were contradictory.

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## Researcher rejects Netaji's death in alleged plane crash

Kolkata, Feb 11 (PTI) The one-man Commission probing Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's mysterious disappearance, today heard an educationist and researcher Prof Nandalal Chakraborty who submitted documents in support of his claim that no plane crashed killing the Indian freedom fighter on August 18, 1945, in Taipei. Chakraborty, researching the mysterious disappearance of Netaji in his personal capacity for long, submitted before the Commission of Justice M K Mukherjee that there was no material evidence of the alleged plane crash so far before any inquiry commission or committee. The deponent submitted some of his research papers on Netaji's disappearance before the Commission in support of his claim, Justice Mukherjee said. The Netaji researcher, who accompanied Justice Mukherjee on his recent visit to Taiwan as counsel, claimed that the statements by co-passengers of the alleged plane, statements of nurses and doctors of the alleged hospital and entry in the registrar of Taihoku municipal crematorium were contradictory. The Commission will hold its next hearing on February 16.

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## **No documentary evidence to prove Netaji's death: NARA**

**BY PRASANTA PAUL  
DH NEWS SERVICE, KOLKATA:**

There is no direct evidence to prove that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died in a plane crash at Taipei on August 18, 1945, according to the US-based National Archive and Record Administration (NARA).

NARA which has despatched several important documents to the one-man Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry probing the mysterious disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, made it abundantly clear that it is not in possession of any documents to prove the death of Netaji in the alleged crash.

In its five-page document, the NARA said that there was no direct evidence if Bose was alive at that time. This communication was sent to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and was also referred to the Inquiry Commission.

The MEA had earlier urged the US government for sending some documents regarding Netaji which might help the commission. A critical observation from the government of Taiwan categorically states that there was no air crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945, suspected to have killed Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Justice M K Mukherjee, heading the probe panel, told reporters after the hearing on Thursday that the commission received the NARA documents on February 7 from the Ministry of External Affairs which had earlier received the papers from the US organisation.

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## Netaji panel to submit report to Govt by May 14

Briefing reporters, Justice Mukherjee said the commission heard during the day the resumed arguments of educationist and Netaji researcher Professor Nandalal Chakraborty who submitted that no plane crashed in Taipei killing Subhas Chandra Bose on August 18, 1945.

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The researcher claimed that statements by the hospital authority, nurses, doctor and entry in the registrar at the Taihoku municipal crematorium on the alleged plane crash were contradictory.

Justice Mukherjee said Chakraborty submitted before the commission that Gumnam Baba of Faizabad was Netaji, but that Saradanandaji of Shoulmari Ashram was not the same person.

Chakraborty quoted volume VI of Transfer of Power, saying that a directive of the British government on August 23, 1945, by Sir F Mudie to Sir E Jenkins in the Viceroy's office in India said "leave him where he is and don't ask for his surrender".

This, he said, was proof that Netaji was alive even after August 18, 1945, the date of alleged plane crash at Taihoku.

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**"Subhash is alive and Jawaharlal knows it". It was with these famous words in late 1947 that Sarat Chandra Bose, the elder brother of Netaji, broke a two-year silence over the "death" of the famous leader, which the Congress leadership of the day was trying its best to sell to the masses. Sarat, a towering leader himself, had spent the preceding months retracing Netaji's footsteps. It was with these famous words in late 1947 that Sarat Chandra Bose, the elder brother of Netaji, broke a two-year silence over the "death" of the famous leader, which the Congress leadership of the day was trying its best to sell to the masses**

**He had visited the places he had stayed in, interviewed his friends as well as foes and among the people he met were intelligence officials of the Japanese, American and British armies. Almost all of them told him that Netaji had not died in the August 18, 1945 air crash at Formosa's Taihoku Airport.**

**He lived with this conviction till his death in 1950. Nehru did not dare oppose Sarat and, perhaps out of deference, did not once reiterate his famous lie till 1952 when in a famous statement in the Lok Sabha, he declared that the Government of India believed Netaji had died in that accident.**

**Yet, the first Indian Prime Minister buckled under public pressure to institute a committee under Shah Nawaz Khan in 1956 with the specific term of reference to inquire whether Netaji was still alive (he would have been 59 had he been around then).**



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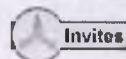
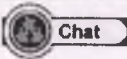
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He lived with this conviction till his death in 1950. Nehru did not dare oppose Sarat and, perhaps out of deference, did not once reiterate his famous lie till 1952 when in a famous statement in the Lok Sabha, he declared that the Government of India believed Netaji had died in that accident.

Yet, the first Indian Prime Minister buckled under public pressure to institute a committee under Shah Nawaz Khan in 1956 with the specific term of reference to inquire whether Netaji was still alive (he would have been 59 had he been around then).

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During the marathon arguments put before Mr Justice **Mukherjee**, Chairman of the one-man **Commission**, Professor Nandalal Chakraborty, a veteran **Netaji** researcher, armed with supporting documents, tried to prove that there was no plane crash at the Taihoku military aerodrome on August 18, 1945 in which, "many unjustifiably believed" that **Netaji** was killed after suffering severe burn injuries.

The entire plane crash theory was "systematically circulated" by the then Japanese authority as a cover-up measure to ensure a safe passage to **Netaji** to a safer country, Prof Chakraborty said and submitted various documents including Russian and Taiwanese archival materials to drive his point home.

To further establish the "fact" that **Netaji** was alive several years after 1945 though "under disguise", Prof Chakraborty claimed that the famous saint of Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh known as "Gumnami Baba" was none other than **Netaji** himself.

Presenting a large number of letters, archival documents and outcome of two handwriting experts who found lots of similarities in the handwritings of **Netaji** and Gumnami Baba, Prof Chakraborty tried to impress upon Justice **Mukherjee** that "there is not an iota of doubt that **Netaji** disguised as Gumnami Baba lived in India till 1985".

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The mystery of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's death keeps getting, as Alice would say, curiouser and curiouser. News has come from the government of Taiwan, earlier called Taipei, that it has no record of a crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945 — the day Netaji is believed to have died in an air crash. This has not only brought forth a chorus of 'I told you so' from Netaji's legion of admirers and assorted conspiracy theorists, but also energised the one-man Mukherjee Commission, which is investigating Netaji's death. On January 23 this year, Netaji would have been 108. But why is there such a strong mythology around the life-after-life, as a biographer put it, of Netaji?

Part of the continuing fascination with Netaji is the attraction of the maverick. His dramatic escape from house arrest in Calcutta in 1941 and arrival in Berlin is the stuff of myth. Netaji's subsequent setting up of the Indian National Army and his alliance with the Japanese is also well known. What is less known is that Netaji was a rebel since his early days. He not only gave up the opportunity to study at the elite Presidency College; he also spurned in 1921 the dream job of any self-respecting Bengali: A chance to become part of the Indian Civil Service. This non-conformism would surface at different phases of Netaji's tumultuous political career.

The interest in Netaji's death is also fuelled by the principle that everybody loves a good conspiracy, especially those surrounding a sudden or violent death. In the case of Netaji, his antagonism to mainstream nationalist politics and his links with the fascists made him a particularly apposite candidate for cons-piracy theories. Having survived the air crash at Taipei with severe burns, Netaji died at a military hospital. Netaji's body was subsequently cremated at the main Taipei crematorium. The final resting place of the ashes was the Renkoji temple in Tokyo.

If this version had been accepted, the controversy would have come to an end. However, since 1946, there began 'sightings' of Netaji in different locations. Perhaps the first such 'sighting' was recorded in 1946 when a certain K S M Swamy claimed to have met Netaji in a third class compartment of the Bombay Express. Since then Netaji spotting has become a cottage industry. The most well known of these episodes was the discovery that Netaji had become a sadhu in an ashram in Bengal. An organisation called the Subhasbadi Janata kept these stories in circulation through pamphlets, newspapers and weekly meetings. At the same time, there were rumours doing the rounds of Netaji having shown up in Russia or China. The Netaji sightings peaked in the 1960s when there was a gene-ral disillusionment with politics of the day.

These rumours might have died down had not the Indian state stepped in and set up a commission to investigate the death of Netaji. This had the effect of legitimising, in a sense, the conspiracy theories. The Mukherjee Commission is the third government-appointed body to look into the Netaji mystery. The first was the Netaji Inquiry Committee, set up in 1956, consisting of a former comrade of Netaji, Shah Nawaz Khan, an elder brother of Netaji, Suresh Bose, and a government officer. The committee went through the evidence, including interviewing the Japanese doctor who treated Netaji after the crash. Its findings were, however, undermined by the dissent of Suresh Bose who stated that Netaji was still alive. This meant Netaji's death remained unresolved and in 1970 another inquiry commission headed by Justice G D Khosla was instituted.

There was some remarkable testimony before the panel: A bank official from Sholapur claimed that he received direct messages from Netaji by tuning his body like a radio. The Khosla report, like the earlier commission, concluded that Netaji had indeed died in the crash.

Even this report failed to satisfy conspi-racy theorists. Subsequent to a court ruling that the ashes at Renkoji not be brought to India unless it was conclusively proved that they were Netaji's, yet another commission was set up in 1999. This panel, headed by Justice M K Mukherjee, is going over much the same ground as the earlier committees. Some of the new evidence being assessed includes that of a researcher who has burrowed through declassified KGB documents in Russia to claim that Netaji was alive after 1945. But the evidence is tenuous and the findings of the commission are unlikely to be any more definitive than the earlier reports.



Since most of the documentary evidence of the Taipei air crash is missing and all the eyewitnesses dead, the Mukherjee Commission might as well be chasing a chimera. That 'truth' can be entirely subjective is graphically illustrated in social scientist Partha Chatterjee's excellent study of another enduring mystery from Bengal — the celebrated case of the Kumar of Bhawal, who turned up 12 years after his death in the garb of a sanyasi to claim his ancestral property. (62)

Though the courts pronounced that the sanyasi was indeed the Bhawal prince, Chatterjee confesses that he is unsure whether the sanyasi was an impostor. Like in Akira Kurosawa's *Rashomon*, piecing together what 'really' happened that afternoon in August 1945 is possibly doomed to futility.

Instead of endlessly spinning conspiracy theories, it is perhaps more appropriate that we accept Netaji for what he was: A remarkable man who struck a completely different path from his peers and died while translating his impossible vision into reality.

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

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
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
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They also burnt an effigy of Defence Minister Pranab **Mukherjee**, holding him responsible for not extending the **commission's** term and disallowing it to visit Russia to examine documents relating to **Netaji's** reported stay there after August 18, 1945.

The AISB members, who held demonstration after a routine hearing of the Justice MK **Mukherjee Commission**, urged the Centre to extend its term, as it had been asked to

submit its final report to the Centre by May, 2005.

Justice **Mukherjee**, in course of routine press briefing, earlier expressed his

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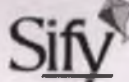
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## Hearing of Netaji panel concludes

PTI

Tuesday, 22 February , 2005, 17:07

**Kolkata:** The one-man Mukherjee Commission, set up in 1999 to probe the mysterious disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose wound up the hearing process on Tuesday, six days ahead of schedule.

May 14 is the deadline for submission of its final report.

This was the third commission after the one headed by Shahnawaz Khan (1956) and the Khosla panel (1970) to probe Netaji's disappearance.

"Hearing of the commission concludes here, pending preparation of its report from March 1 followed by its submission by May 14, the deadline set by the government," Justice M K Mukherjee told newsmen.

Should any deponent want to make a submission, it could be done in writing till February 28, said Justice Mukherjee, who has often complained of the lack of government cooperation in getting relevant files, documents and papers.

Altogether 127 witnesses submitted their views and claims on Netaji's disappearance.

Justice Mukherjee said that the commission was still awaiting documents from the Taiwan government about the alleged air crash at Taipei and hospital and crematorium records between August 18 and 23, 1945.

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**Most Immediate  
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**Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)**

**Inputs for Note for Supplementaries: Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy.No. 47  
for Answer on 3.3.2005 Regarding "Countries Without Diplomatic  
Relations"**

**A. Policy towards Taiwan**

1. Government of India (GOI) does not recognise Taiwan (Republic of China) and does not have diplomatic and official relations with its Government. Government has consistently followed "One-China" policy, and as such does not recognise Taiwan as a separate country. Within the framework of this 'One-China' policy, Government is taking steps to promote non-governmental trade & economic, investment, tourism, cultural and people-to-people contacts with Taiwan.
2. Two non-governmental offices, namely, India-Taipei Association (ITA) in Taipei and Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC) in New Delhi are functioning since July 1995 and January 1996 respectively to facilitate exchanges between India and Taiwan. [Note: Most major countries have similar arrangements – China concurs in these.]
3. The main elements of GOI policy on Taiwan are:
  - (i) GOI has consistently recognised China's sovereignty over Taiwan;
  - (ii) GOI does not recognise or have any relations with the so-called Government of the 'Republic of China'; and
  - (iii) India is developing non-governmental economic, trade, investment, cultural, tourism and people-to-people contacts within the overall framework of the "one-China" principle.

**B. Some Recent Developments**

4. An Investment Protection Agreement was signed by the Directors General of the two Offices [ITA in Taipei and the TECC in New Delhi] on 17 October, 2002.
5. Air India Charters Limited (Note: a subsidiary of Air India) and the Taipei Airlines Association signed an Air Services Agreement in 2001 that permits China Airlines and Air India to fly thrice weekly between India and Taiwan. China Airlines started direct scheduled passenger flights between Taipei and Delhi (three days a week) from April 1, 2002. It had earlier operated chartered



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passenger flights between Taipei and Delhi from September 2000 to January 2001. Cargo flights operated by China Airlines operate twice a week between Delhi-Taipei whereas those operated by EVA airlines operate twice a week between Mumbai-Taipei since 1999. Air India is not currently flying to Taipei.

6. Statistical details of the bilateral trade between 1997 and 2003 are given below (as per Taiwanese statistics):

**Bilateral Exports & Imports**

(In million US Dollars)

	Export from India		Import by India		Total Trade	
	Amount	Growth	Amount	Growth	Amount	Growth
<b>1997</b>	662.3	---	549.4	----	1211.7	---
<b>1998</b>	461.1	(-)30.4%	526.1	(-)4.2%	987.2	(-)18.5%
<b>1999</b>	390.0	(-)15.4%	594.1	12.9%	984.1	(-)0.3%
<b>2000</b>	513.4	31.6%	717.9	20.8%	1231.3	25.1%
<b>2001</b>	493.3	(-)3.9%	630.2	(-)12.2%	1123.5	(-)8.8%
<b>2002</b>	551.9	11.88%	647.4	2.73%	1199.3	6.75%
<b>2003</b>	623.7	13%	770.4	18.99%	1394.1	16.34%

7. During the last year (2004), the bilateral trade rose to US\$ 1.9 billion. The break up of imports and exports is as given below:

(In US\$)

	Export to Taiwan	Import from Taiwan	Total Trade (Cum)	Growth Rate
Month				%
Jan-Dec, 2004	<b>860,409,005</b>	<b>1,070,165,545</b>	<b>1,930,574,550</b>	<b>38.48%</b>
Jan 2005	<b>83,700,000</b>	<b>92,100,000</b>	<b>175,800,000</b>	<b>54.66%</b>

8. The main Indian exports to Taiwan during the first eleven months of the year 2004 (detailed custom statistics are currently available until November 2004) continue to be Naphtha (which has now become our largest single export), iron and steel products, organic chemicals, Cotton yarn, Copper products, iron ores and slag, animal feed, granite and Non-industrial diamonds. During the first eleven months of the year 2004, the main exports from Taiwan to India were Digital mobile telephones (which have registered significant growth), machinery of various kinds including digital injection moulding machines, footwear manufacturing machinery and rubber and plastics machinery, Monolithic integrated circuits and boards, Unrecorded compact discs or magneto optical discs, dyed synthetic fabrics, inorganic chemicals and polyacetals and other polyethers and epoxide resins. Machinery, including precision machinery and digital mobile handsets in particular, have shown strong growth, and India is becoming one of Taiwan's primary markets.



**C. Anticipated Questions and Answers****Q. What is Government's policy towards Taiwan?**

A. Government has consistently followed the "One-China" policy. We recognise the Government of the People's Republic of China as the legitimate Government representing the whole of China. We maintain non-governmental links in the fields of trade, investment, tourism, culture and people to people contacts with Taiwan.

**Q. Has Government examined or considered the need to open a mission in Taiwan?**

A. As I informed Hon'ble members earlier, Government of India does not recognise Taiwan and does not have diplomatic and official relations with its Government. No proposal for opening a mission in Taiwan, therefore, has ever been or is under consideration of Government.

**Q. What is the status of India-Taipei Association in Taipei? Has China protested against the existence of that entity?**

A. The India-Taipei Association in Taipei is a non-governmental organisation that has been functioning since 1995 to facilitate exchanges between India and Taiwan. China is aware of the measures that we have taken to promote non-governmental trade, economic, cultural and people to people ties with Taiwan.

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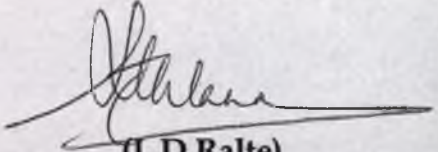
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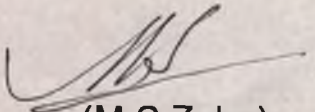
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Sub: Lok Sabha Question Dy No 811 regarding Subhash Chandra Bose Enquiry raised by Major General (Retd) for 1.3.2005

Enclosed please find a copy of the Lok Sabha secretariat Notice on the subject noted above

It is requested that the required material/information alongwith a note for possible supplementary in respect of part A of the question may be provided to this Ministry urgently to enable us to draft a suitable reply to the question

  
(M.S.Zuha)  
Desk Officer

Joint Secretary(CNV),( Shri L.D.Ralte),  
Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi  
No 13012.2.2005 NCB-II dt 22.2.2005



UNSTARRED QUESTION

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From

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MAJ. GEN. (Retd.) B.C. KHANDUR

To

The Secretary-General,  
Lok Sabha, New Delhi.

Sir,

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I give notice of the following Unstarred Question for answer on 1.03.05

Subhash Chandra Bose  
enquiry

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]* 811

Member

Division No. 466

Will the Minister of HOME be pleased to state:

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- (c) if so, whether the Govt. is giving the extension;
- (d) if yes, for how long;
- (e) if no, what is the justification for not giving extension at a very crucial stage of enquiry?







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painted by Hussain symbolises the grim environmental

paediatric ward of DN Hospital in Agra.

democracy in the nation as early as possible.

December 25 last year, been accused of kidnapping

who was rescued by the gangs.

## Condolences Pak calls Kasuri

— with Mr Kashri, spoke to the Pakistani Minister to offer condolences for the people killed and several hundreds missing after heavy rains caused a dam to burst inundating several villages in Baluchistan on Thursday night.

A flash flood washed away the Shadi Kor dam in south western Baluchistan marooning thousands of people and inundating villages of Pasni Awaran, Bela, Gwadar, Mand, Gurbat, Gulmara and Khushab.

## BITUARY



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from the untimely and tragic demise of our friend on 12-02-2005.

at Subhash Nagar cremation ground near DN Hospital at 12 noon on 13-02-2005.

S. K. Chetal (Father)  
Renu Chetal (Mother)  
and family members.

## CPWD

er, Central Sectt. Division, CPWD, invites, sealed item rate tenders from (R&R) contractors of CPWD upto 1500 crore following works and will be opened on 22-02-2005.

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# Is the Cong scared of KGB files?

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Taihoku crash theory and brought the Commission tantalisingly close to the truth. But it now seems that Mr Patil stands between a final solution and the nation. His zeal, say knowledgeable sources, is understandable because the KGB archives may reveal facts that could be uncomfortable for the Nehru-Gandhi family.

The Congress regime of 1991-96 could have easily sought Russian permission to study the KGB archives. After the fall of the USSR in December 1991, many Governments availed the Boris Yeltsin administration's openness to unravel many of their own historical riddles which lay in dusty Russian libraries.

But Mr Pranab Mukherjee, then External Affairs Minister, did not entertain the requests of several Indian historians. This was curious because Mr Mukherjee had not grudged Indian scholars permission to study records of other Soviet era Ministries.

Finally, the Commission, set up by the Vajpayee Government, applied and received permission. But by the time the green signal came, the UPA had come to power.

For its part, the UPA has not denied Justice Mukherjee permission to go to Moscow. But its May 14 deadline has rendered the visit futile. "Searching, examining and cross-checking facts would take more time than what the Government is willing to spare.

Even if the Commission and its experts are to leave tomorrow, only preliminary groundwork would be possible in three months. This would amount to wasting the tax payers' money," a source said.

That a Congress Government would scuttle any honest inquiry into the final days of Netaji is a public conviction born out of experience. Under Nehru, a three-member committee (not commission) comprising former INA Major General Shahnawaz Khan, retired ICS officer S N Moitra and Netaji's younger brother Suresh Bose had gone into the issue.

While Khan and Moitra deduced from the skeletal details with the Japanese and Allied sources that

Netaji had died in the August 18, 1945 crash at Taihoku airport, Bose gave a dissenting report. Then Home Minister G B Pant celebrated the "findings" of Khan and Moitra while suppressing Bose's analysis.

In 1970, Indira Gandhi asked Justice G B Khosla to head the first commission on the issue. Its report seemed made-to-order for the ruling dynasty. Not surprisingly, Morarji Desai publicly rejected it in 1979. (Mr Vajpayee was then External Affairs Minister). After becoming Prime Minister in 1998, Mr Vajpayee lost no time in commissioning a third inquiry, this time with the widest possible terms of reference.

(To be concluded)

## J&K highway re-opened passengers evacuated

### JAMMU

THE JAMMU-SRINAGAR highway was partially reopened on Saturday leading to evacuation of over 1400 stranded passengers despite inclement weather and a major landslide eroding about 600 meters of it.

The blocked Jawahar tunnel was reopened on Saturday despite bad weather and red alert by the snow and avalanche study establishment (SASE), State Information director Farooq Renzoo told PTI.

About 370 vehicles were cleared of the highway and allowed to move to Srinagar with over 1400 passengers after it was partially re-opened for vehicular traffic, Neyaz Mehmood, DIG, said.

The avalanches and landslides, which struck the highway, have been cleared in the morning but fresh landslides have taken place in Ramssoo and Panthal areas on the

highway which the Border Road Organisation working round-the-clock to clear, he said.

A major landslide to place this evening Panthal on the highway which eroded about 6 meters of it, however, DYSP and some CC escaped narrowly but part of local small loc was damaged, Mehmood said.

Earlier, Mr Renzoo, along with Divisional Commissioner, IGP and CRPF are camping Chanderkot on the highway to supervise the rescue operation, said civilian vehicles have passed through Jawahar tunnel towards Kashmir.

He said relief and rescue operations are going on a war-footing. However, there are around 1400 passengers still stranded in the area. SASE has warned about fresh landslides and issued a red alert to keep off the area.

## Geelani saga gets murkier

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Sebastian Hongray was summoned by the investigating officer under Section 160 of CrPC to record his statement. Hongray was asked about his lifestyle and how he came into contact of Geelani. Asked what transpired on

department. Singh was close to Geelani. Singh was asked his relationship with Geelani whether he knew who could attack him. He told the that Geelani had told his friend JNU that he was being followed and could be attacked. Stu

## Bollywood wins the baazee

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ensemble from Yeh Raaste Hai Pyar Ke, Rs 55,000 for Kareena's maroon overcoat and jumper from Ajnabee, Rs 35,000 for Preity Zinta's swarovski crystals embellished gown from Dil Chahta Hai. Big B's shahi kurta and churidar went for as much and SRK's orange and blue Badshah goggles for Rs 17,500.

The next generation Bollywood e-auctions — celebrity experience auctions are already on "for the first time in India". These include "meet Amitabh and Abhishek Bachchan". "High tea with

Ekta Kapoor's girls and boys be far behind? Indiantelevision.com's CEO and editor-in-chief Anil Wanvari has donated 27 costumes designed by Ashley Rebello for small screen stars Aamna Shariff, Rajeev Khandelwal, Shabbir Ahluwalia, Rakshanda Khan and Ronit Roy for online auctions, the proceeds of which will go to Akshara Foundation and CRY's Tsunami Relief Fund.

Not surprisingly, it's Shariff and Khandelwal outfits that have been priced the highest at Rs 17,000, followed by Ahluwalia, Urvashi Dholakia and Jaswir Kaur at Rs 15,000.

Anil Wanvari, indiantelevi-

## DJB proposes Thames experts to save Yamuna

### RAJESH KUMAR

New Delhi

TO MAINTAIN minimum flow of water in Yamuna, the Ministry of Environment is considering a proposal to construct down stream storage near Wazirabad barrage. Taking a serious note of depleting water in the river, the Ministry of Environment in a high level meeting discussed means to regulate the water flow in Yamuna. Delhi Jal Board (DJB) also proposed that a firm that turned the Thames river in

A senior official of environment department said that the Ministry of Environment has received a proposal for setting up stream storage in the Capital in the pattern of Renuka dam in Himachal Pradesh. "They also discussed the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) plan for channelisation of the Yamuna and commercial use of the reclaimed area," said the official.

"In the meeting, DJB also proposed that a firm that turned the Thames river in London from a cesspool



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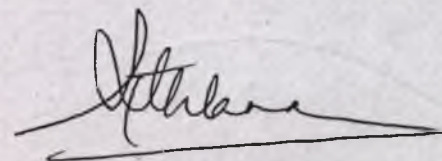
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2. There are no records in the Ministry of External Affairs relating to financial expenditure incurred, if any, on the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee instituted in 1956.



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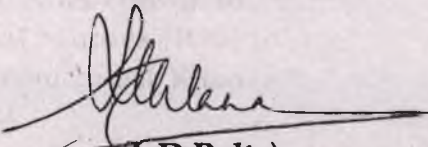
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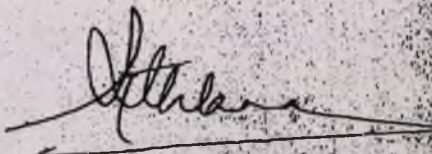
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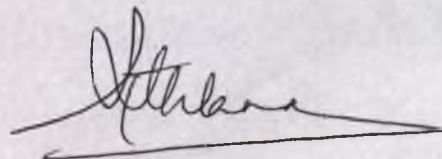
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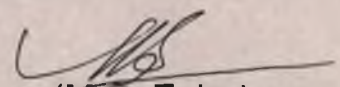
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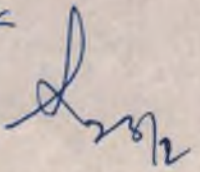

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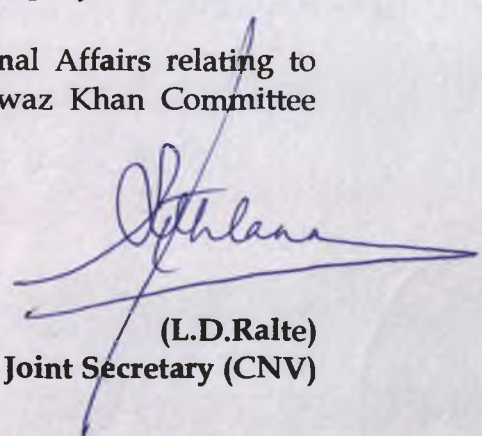
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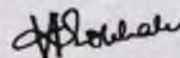
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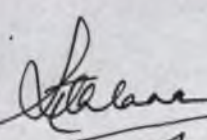
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L.D.Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

24 February 2005

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Yours sincerely,

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Joint Secretary (CNV)

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03 December 2004

Dear *Asoke,*

The Ministry of Home Affairs has extended the term of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), that is inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith, by a further six months ie. upto **14 May 2005**. The Commission has been asked to submit its report before the expiry of the extended term.

2. We have been informed by the JMCI that **it is constrained to cancel its proposed plans to visit the Russian Federation** due to its inability to schedule and undertake a visit during the ongoing bitter Russian winter and which is unlikely to be over before the end of its own term viz. May 2005.

3. Meanwhile the JMCI has sought Ministry's assistance in obtaining/accessing some documents said to be available in the Archives of the Russian Federation.

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3. We shall be grateful if you could take up the matter with the Government of the Russian Federation and request them to allow the JMCI to access the relevant document said to be kept in the Russian archives.

*With warm regards and  
with the spirit of  
the season.*

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
(L.D.Ralte)

Shri Asoke Kumar Mukherjee  
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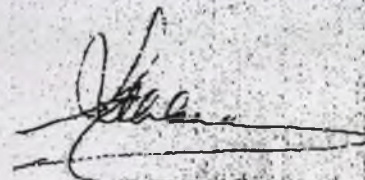
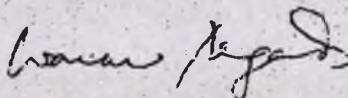
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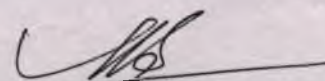
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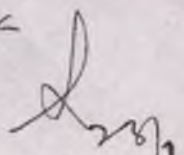
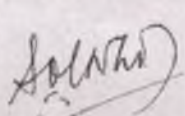
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**Sub: Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Taipei on 26-27 January 2005**

Dear Ralte,

Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) and Hon'ble M.P (LS), Shri Subrata Bose visited Taipei from 25-28, January 2005 to enquire into the alleged disappearance / death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Taiwan in 1945. They were facilitated at the airport on arrival and departure, and Assistant Director Bhutia accompanied them at all meetings and site visits in Taipei.

2. The program for JMCI was entirely organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who had also provided one liaison person (Mr. Sean HSU) to facilitate their visit. The programme drawn up for their visit is at Annexure I. JMCI conducted its inquiries and visit to these sites on 26-27 January 2005.

3. A brief summary of the inquiries and visits of JMCI recorded by Assistant Director Bhutia are as follows:

26<sup>th</sup> January 2005, Visit to Taipei City Government / Department of Health, Taipei City Government.

JMCI was met by Ms. Hsiu-Lian Lin, Senior Specialist, Deptt. of Health, Taipei City Government and Mr. Victor W.K. Chu, Chief of Protocol, Taipei City Government at the Taipei City Hall. Ms. Hsiu handed over to JMCI a document entitled "Evolution of Nan Mong Military Hospital & Taipei Crematorium", which at Annexure II. On queries from JMCI, Ms. Hsiu & Mr. Victor both replied that the Taipei City Government do not have any record of a plane crash or cremation record pertaining to Subhas Chandra Bose. Both Ms. Hsiu and Mr. Victor suggested that JMCI visit the "Historica Sinica" to check newspaper reports of 1945.

Justice Mukherjee told them that records were available in 1956 relating to the death of one 'Ichiro Okura' in the Welfare Section of the Municipal



Government of Taipei and showed them a letter issued by Taiwan's MOFA to E/I, Tokyo in 1956. In reply, Mr. Victor said that some years back, they had checked for records and they did not find any records from 1956 relating to Subhas Chandra Bose or 'Ichiro Okura'. Mr. Victor also added that many records of the Taipei City Government kept in the basement were lost in a big flood in 2000-2001. He said that he was speculating that whatever records that might have been available relating to Subhas Chandra Bose may have perished in the floods.

Ms. Hsiu suggested that JMCI visit the Tri Service General Hospital instead of Taipei Municipal Heping Hospital because the management of Nan Mong Military Hospital had subsequently passed on to Tri Service General Hospital.

#### 26<sup>th</sup> January 2005: Visit to Historica Sinica

After Taipei City Government, JMCI proceeded to the **Historica Sinica** where they were met by Ms. Shueng, Director, Archives, Institute of Modern History. Ms. Shueng said that they have records **only upto the year 1926** and suggested that JMCI check the National Archives instead. She also said that JMCI might check the Chinese newspapers from 1945 at the Institute of Taiwanese History.

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#### 26<sup>th</sup> January 2005: Visit to Tri Service General

Mr. Chao Ying Lai, Chief, Medical Records Room at Tri Service General Hospital told JMCI that they have no records prior to 1967 and also that their retention period of record is seven years only.

#### 26<sup>th</sup> January 2005: Visit to Taipei Fine Arts Museum

The last visit of the day for JMCI was to Taipei Fine Arts Museum area which is built on the site of the erstwhile Taihoku Airport, where the plane carrying Subhas Chandra Bose allegedly crashed.

#### 27<sup>th</sup> January 2005: Visit to Ministry of Transportation and Communication



Mr. Chih Wen Fang, Section Chief, Dept. of Navigation and Aviation, Ministry of Transportation and Communication and Mr. Hwa Kang, Flight Standard Division of Civil Aeronautic Administration met the JMCI. They told JMCI that they did not have records of any plane crash in August 1945. In reply to a query from Justice Mukherjee about a plane crash in September 1945 which MOTC had referred to in their e-mail communication with an Indian journalist Anuj Dhar), they said that although they do not have records of that crash either but they were able to find out from a newspaper (Taiwan Shin Pao) that a plane carrying US POWs from Philippines crashed into a mountain in Taitung. JMCI then requested Mr. Sean Hsu, MOFA to send them newspapers from the period August 18 - 25, 1945.

#### 27<sup>th</sup> January 2005: Visit to Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Nandalal Chakrabarti, Professor, Krishnagar Government College, Nadia and Mr. Keshav Bhattacharjee, Advocate, Kolkata High Court, both deponents before JMCI also joined the enquiries at this point during the visit.

Justice Mukherjee showed a letter written by Taiwan's MOFA to E/I Tokyo in 1956 about the death of one 'Ichiro Okura' to Mr. Donald Lee, Deputy Director General, Department of East Asia and Pacific Affairs. Mr. Lee said that he was surprised that the letter was signed by a Japanese even though they had left Taiwan by 1956. He said that he did not have that letter in his records and said that he will check MOFA archives for material relating to Subhas Chandra Bose.. Mr. Lee also informed Justice Mukherjee that their enquiries revealed that they had four files relating to Subhas Chandra Bose from the period 1943 to 1973, two with MOFA archives while the other two had been transferred to the National Archives. JMCI requested for copies of those files. They were informed that certain procedural formalities would have to be completed before retrieving the files from the archives and it would take about two weeks time. They said that they will retrieve the files and send them to JMCI through ITA.

#### January 27, 2005: Visit to Taipei Municipal Funeral Parlour

JMCI was met by the embalmer at the Taipei Municipal Funeral Parlour and was not able to find any records pertaining to their investigations. The embalmer suggested that that JMCI visit the Taipei Second Funeral Parlour at Hsinhai Road, which was the place where the old crematorium was located.

#### January 27, 2005: Visit to Taipei Second Funeral Parlour

Mr. Liu, Chief, Second Bureau Funeral Parlour, was shown a death certificate in Chinese ( taken from a book) relating to the death of 'Ichiro Okura' in 1945 and asked whether he would be able to trace the certificate. Mr. Liu said that the old



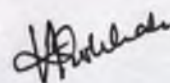
records are not kept systematically at the Parlour and that he would try to trace out that certificate, if available.

4. Justice Mukherjee and Shri Subrata Bose M.P. left Taipei for Bangkok on 28.01.2005 by TG 637. Prior to his departure we advised Justice Mukherjee that he might like to place the various requests that he has made to the Taiwanese side during his visit, in writing, so that ITA Taipei can follow up the requests with the authorities.

5. The contents of this letter may also kindly be shown to the Joint Secretary (East Asia).

Wavon Reg-Dr

Yours sincerely



(Vijay Gokhale)  
Director General

Shri L.D.Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
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## Annexure I

**VISIT OF THE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY TO  
TAIWAN - 25 - 28 JANUARY 2005**

**PROGRAMME**

<b>Date / Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 January</b>	
2245 hours	<b>Arrival at CKS Airport by TG-637 / Transfer to Hotel</b>
<b>Wednesday 26 January</b>	
0930 hours	<b>Departure from Hotel</b>
1000 hours	<b>Visit Taipei City Government</b>
1030 hours	<b>Visit Department of Health, Taipei City Government</b>
1100 hours	<b>Visit Historica Sinica</b>
1230 hours	<b>Lunch (Free)</b>
1500 hours	<b>Visit Taipei Tri Services General Hospital</b>
1630 hours	<b>Visit alleged Crash Site at Taipei Fine Arts Museum (erstwhile Taihoku Airport)</b>
1900 hours	<b>Dinner at residence of the Director General, India-Taipei Association (Apt 1102, No. 15, Lane 172, Keelung Road Sec.1)</b>
<b>Thursday 27 January</b>	
0930 hours	<b>Departure from Hotel</b>
1000 hours	<b>Visit to Ministry of Transportation &amp; Communications</b>
1100 hours	<b>Call on Mr. Donald Lee, Deputy Director General of the Department of East Asia and Pacific Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b>
1300 hours	<b>Lunch (free)</b>
1400 hours	<b>Visit Taipei Municipal Funeral Parlour (erstwhile Municipal Crematorium)</b>
1430 hours	<b>Visit Taipei Second Funeral Parlour</b>
Evening	<b>Dinner at residence of the Director General, India-Taipei Association (Apt 1102, No. 15, Lane 172, Keelung Road Sec.1)</b>
<b>Friday 28 January</b>	
0600 hours	<b>Departure from hotel for airport</b>
0900 hours	<b>Departure for Bangkok by TG 636</b>

**Contact person from MOFA : Mr. Sean Hsu Mobile: 0912-286-195 / 0952-835-701**



## The Evolution of Hospital

Time	Evolution	Period
Aug. 18 1945	The emergency care for Mr. Bose was The NanMong Military Hospital	Japanese Occupation Period
Oct.25.1945	801 Military General Hospital	Taiwan, R.O.C.
July.1.1967	Tri-Service General Hospital	

## The Evolution of Crematorium

Time	Evolution	Management Body
Aug. 18 1945	Taipei Crematorium	The Japanese Occupied Period
Oct.25.1945	Taipei Crematorium	Taipei Health Yen
1964	Taipei Crematorium	Department of Health, Taipei city Government
1965	Taipei Crematorium	Department of Social Welfare Taipei city Government
1994	Taipei Crematorium	Taipei Mortuary Services office



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【中央社華盛頓十二日電】聯合軍救濟署後...

### 署總後善

作工華在充擴將

經擴充中國方面之工作計...

# 商討印度重大問題

## 全印國民大會將於孟買集會

## 魏菲爾明日可抵印度

### 美時代週刊出東京版

#### 蔣委員長像刊於封面

【中央社東京十二日專電】在東京出版之「美時代週刊」第一期，刊有美佔領軍之特寫。封面刊有蔣委員長像，身著西裝，有三星之肩章。封面刊有蔣委員長像，身著西裝，有三星之肩章。封面刊有蔣委員長像，身著西裝，有三星之肩章。

1945.9.14

Central News Daily

【中央社倫敦十三日電】印督魏菲爾昨日由孟買飛往新德里，與英政府官員商討印度重大問題。魏菲爾在孟買期間，曾與全印國民大會代表會面，並與印度各黨派領袖交換意見。魏菲爾預計將於十五日抵新德里，並與英政府官員商討印度重大問題。

# 中瑞重建新關係

## 我與瑞洽訂友好商約

【中央社日內瓦十二日電】瑞典政府促國會廢除在華特權，並與我國政府洽訂友好商約。瑞典政府表示，將與我國政府就廢除在華特權及訂立友好商約等問題進行磋商。

### 印奸鮑斯

#### 家屬將被釋放

【中央社新德里十三日電】印政府今日決定釋放自日本投降以來被拘之鮑斯之弟及其家屬。鮑斯之弟及其家屬在日軍佔領期間曾被拘押，現已獲准返回印度。



立憲承... 將遺... 區... 和平條件也。

# 三國

## 合併

對此有所聲明

不被邀參加和會

剛到伯明翰所作... 按該決定原定於本月... 施行、迄今僅伊拉克及... 特訂到伯、正式宣佈上... 決議。

「中央社布加勒斯特三... 路透電」英法蘇三國... 巴黎人士預測

### 未來聯合國首都

### 海德公園將被選

法米勞教授建議分設於六區

1946.1.4  
Central Daily News

「中央社」(二日專電)此間預測哈得遜河畔... 故蘇聯總統之故居海德公園、將被擇為聯合國

「中央社訊」... 處約二日電... 由蘇聯提議... 註明公法... 西里士... 買及其戰時活動之款、則... 不得加入。

### 印奸鮑斯

「中央社訊」... 日路透電... 間對國民大會... 政府主席... 尚未出。按東京... 月間報導鮑斯於去年八

【中央社訊】國民政府... 三十五年一月三日令：茲... 修正戶籍法公布之此令。

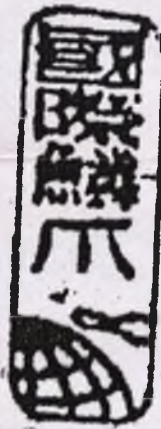
#### 第一章：通則

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第二條 本法關於省之... 規定，適用於縣轄市、縣... 轄市及設治局。

第三條 戶籍行政之主... 管機關，在中央為內政部...

空襲損失事... 甘地... 印度之熱心、然余不同意... 所採取之方式、印度... 人民不能持此種態度取自山...



概由民政府管治

△倫敦電 東南亞亞軍... 總司令蒙巴頓勳爵發表公... 告謂：緬甸全境、已重由... 民政府管治。

、在者為省政府、在縣... 縣政府。

#### 第四條 戶口之登記

凡在國... 戶籍之登記、凡在國... 戶籍之登記、凡在國... 戶籍之登記、凡在國...

第五條 市縣人民... 之權利、以有其所屬之... 籍為依據。

第六條 戶籍登記以海... 關為管轄區域、以海關長... 兼任戶籍主任、並設戶籍...

#### 荷兵圖奪沙利

△巴達維亞電... 尼西亞方面三日訊：荷兵... 武裝士兵、昨晚第三度... 防奪取印度尼西亞... 利之汽車、唯以英軍官二... 人是時前往訪問沙利、故... 被阻未定。

### 渝萬存煤

運宜漢接濟輪用

民武輪昨開宜昌

「中央社訊」關於復員...

、由當地中國... 館之、並由... 船按月也... 撥交其本轄地之... 路主任。

渝萬存煤... 運宜漢接濟輪用... 民武輪昨開宜昌... 「中央社訊」關於復員... 日開駛宜昌、載客... 十三人。



# 迎日本

## 事工業發展

### 訂對日和約

爲主題，此項調查結果，發現美國報界縱橫激烈反對允諾蘇聯所擬草擬判判時五強應有否決權之請求。彼等稱：蘇聯對太平洋戰爭之貢獻極爲微小，且已在中國東北獲得巨大利益。

### 日政府搜尋

### 鮑斯財寶箱

「中央社東京十五日專電」日本內務省頃下令全國遍查前僑印皮隨時政府主席鮑斯於飛行途中失事喪命時所帶價值一百萬日元之財寶箱，利因所獲得之各種線索與證據，多屬矛盾，故財物之發現，甚感困難。各調查人員目前乃集中精力在北都九州之福岡縣，蓋該處自即有若干重要線索也。據悉：鮑斯於移入台灣醫院醫命前發問稱呼「黃金」，

直至告藥謂其財寶已自飛機內移出後，呼聲方停。

### 日火山爆發

「中央社東京十五日專電」頃悉：山東京東北八十五英里之淺間火山又告爆發，有二人失蹤，一人軍傷。據該地報告稱：當時有三人結伴登山，其中一人於昨日爆發開始時受創，幸獲保全生命，搜查此間推測該二人或已被大石擊斃。據該火山麓之地震台報告，此次爆發，爲記錄中最嚴重者。

### 美國願調解

### 巴拉圭內戰

「中央社華盛頓十四日專電」美國已電提願調解巴拉圭內戰之建議，但繼續保持決不干涉此種內爭，國務院發言人今日宣稱：美國願調解內爭，乃爲遏止流血事件，促使西半球能獲穩定和平，此種建議實與內戰雙方不悖而可接受者。國務院復宣布：駐巴拉圭大使館業已完滿將美國僑民自叛軍團

中央日報 36.8.16



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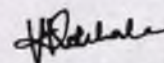
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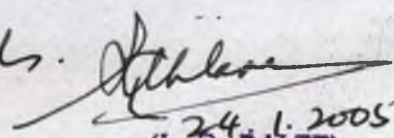
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JMCI, KOLKATA (033-2252-2765)

KINDLY GIVE COPY TO HONBLE M.P., SH., S. BOSE.

With regards.

  
(L. D. RALTE)

Joint Secretary (CNV) &  
Vigilance Officer  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi.

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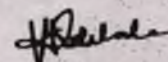
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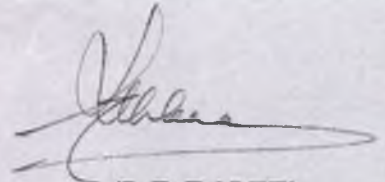
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**TO : INDIA-TAIPEI ASSOCIATION, TAIPEI**  
[FAX: 00886-2-2757-6117]

**FOR SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE, DIRECTOR GENERAL  
FROM  
L.D.RALTE, JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

REFERENCE MY FAX OF 02 FEBRUARY 2004 REGARDING VISIT  
OF JMCI TEAM TO **TAIPEI** IN JANUARY 2005 AND JMCI REQUEST FOR  
OBTAINING TRUE COPIES OF SPECIFIED DOCUMENTS FROM THE TAIWANESE  
SIDE AS PER ASSURANCE CONVEYED BY SEAN HSU, LO IN THE FOREIGN  
OFFICE.

2. KINDLY PURSUE MATTER FURTHER WITH MR. HSU TO DO THE  
NEEDFUL IN THIS REGARD.

*Wann. Regad*



**(L.D.RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

**NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII  
dated : 24 February 2005**

*o/c  
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COMMISSION OF INQUIRY  
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No JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/429.

Kolkata, dated, 23.02.05.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),  
 Officer On Special Duty

To : Shri R.D. Ralte,  
 Joint Secretary (CNV),  
 Ministry of External Affairs,  
 Government of India,  
 South Block,  
 New Delhi - 110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/401 dated 01.02.2005 and to request you to kindly pursue with the I.T.A. Taipei closely so that they persuade the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan as also Mr. Sean Hsu, an Officer of the said Ministry, to locate and make over true copies of the documents mentioned in the Commission's aforesaid letter dated 01.02.05 to the ITA for onward transmission of the same to the Commission through the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

( M. Roy )  
 Officer on Special Duty

*For pl. Roy*

*Sd/-*

*Pl. issue fax  
 placed below*

*Sd/-*

*[Signature]*



L.D.Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)

24 February 2005

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Dear *Shri Kohli,*

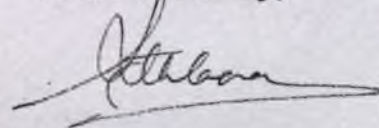
Please refer to my letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 03 December 2004, addressed to Shri Ashok Kumar Mukherjee, former Dy. Chief of Mission, regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). Enclosed with that letter was a copy of an affidavit filed with the JMCI by one Shri Kamal Dutt of Vill. Station Road, P.O.Hojai, Dist. Nagaon, Assam, wherein a reference was made to a document said to be available in the Russian Federation Archives, containing information relating to Netaji dating back to August 1946.

2. The JMCI had sought Ministry's assistance in obtaining/accessing this and other related documents on Netaji said to be available in the Archives of the Russian Federation. It may be mentioned that this request for access to the specific document mentioned in the affidavit was received after it was conveyed to the JMCI that the information sought on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was not found in the **Central Archives of the Federation Security Service of Russia** [as conveyed by the Russian Foreign Office to the Mission in September/October 2004].

3. Mission would presumably have already taken up the matter with the Government of the Russian Federation afresh after receiving the affidavit copy in December 2004. Kindly intimate the results of your efforts in this regard to enable us to update the Commission on the matter.

*Best regards,*

Yours sincerely,



(L.D.Ralte)

Shri Sanjiv Kohli  
Counsellor  
Embassy of India  
Moscow

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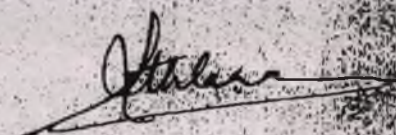
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(L.D.RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)



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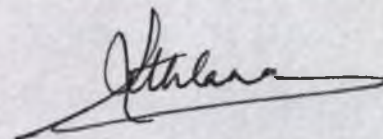
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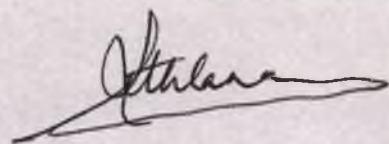
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2. HON'BLE MP HAD TRAVELLED TO BANGKOK & TAIPEI IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT OF THE JMCI TEAM. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE HE HAD SOUGHT MINISTRY'S ASSISTANCE IN BOOKING ACCOMMODATION, AND HAD ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD PAY FOR HIS OWN EXPENSES DURING HIS STAY IN BANGKOK AND TAIPEI. WE ARE INFORMING HON'BLE MP ABOUT THE UNPAID HOTEL BILLS AND SHALL REVERT AS SOON AS A RESPONSE IS RECEIVED.



(L.D.RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)

NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII  
dated : 21 February 2005





**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI

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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

21 February 2005

*Dear Sir,*

This refers to your visit to Bangkok and Taipei last month, in connection with the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). You would recall our meeting in my office a few days prior to your departure, wherein you had requested for assistance in booking of hotel accomodation during your transit halt at Bangkok enroute Taipei and on the return journey. You had indicated that you would pay for the expenses in this connection. We had accordingly requested our Mission to do the needful in this regard.

2. Our Mission in Bangkok has now informed that the hotel accommodation charges for the rooms that were booked for your transit halts on 25 February 2005 at Amari Hotel and at Ambassador Hotel on 28-29 January 2005 are pending settlement. We shall be grateful if you could let us know as to how the bills are to be settled, so that the Mission can be informed accordingly.

*With best regards,*

Yours sincerely,

(L.D.Ralte)

**Shri Subrata Bose,**  
**Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)**  
**15, North Avenue**  
**New Delhi -110001**



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FAX MESSAGE

BAN/PROT/122/87/2004

14th February 2005

From: Indembassy, Bangkok

To: Foreign, New Delhi  
JS(CNV) from Counsellor(Comm.) & HOCShri Subrata Bose, Member of Parliament arrived Bangkok on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

Please refer to your fax message No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.III dated January 20, 2005 regarding inclusion of Shri Subrata Bose, Member of Parliament, as a Member of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). As desired a room was booked for Shri Bose for his transit halt on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2005 at Amari Airport Hotel and at Ambassador Hotel on 28-29 January 2005.

Grateful convey sanction for settlement of the hotel accommodation charges.

But Sh. Bose was to  
pay himself.

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

(Dinkar Asthana)  
Counsellor (Comm.) & HOC

Fax issued to C/In Bangkok  
& letter sent to Sh. Bose, MP.

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NEW DELHI

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L.D. Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)  
Tel: 2301-1357

No. 571 /JS (CNV)/05

22 February 05

Dear Shri Roy,

Please refer to your d.o. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70 (III)/422 dated 16 February 2005.

2. I acknowledge receipt of Bank Draft No. 079721 dated 14 February 2005 for Rs.3400 towards expenditure incurred by the undersigned for payment of Visa fees for JMCI's officers.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

[L.D. Ralte]

Shri M. Roy,  
Officer on Special Duty,  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,  
B-Block, Third Floor,  
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Kolkata - 700 087

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Kolkata, dated, 16.02.2005

D.O. No. JMCI Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/422

Dear Shri Ralte,

Kindly refer to your D.O. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.III dated 19 January 2005 addressed to Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, JMCI, forwarding the Passports of Hon'ble Chairman of JMCI, the Secretary, JMCI and Shri Subrata Bose, Hon'ble M.P. No receipt regarding Visa fees was found to be attached with the d.o. letter.

I am now to enclose a Bank Draft for Rs.3400/- (Rupees Three thousand four hundred only bearing No. 079721 dated 14.02.05) issued in your favour being the amount of expenditure very kindly incurred by you on behalf of the Commission's Officers towards payment of their Visa Fees.

Kindly send an acknowledgement in order to facilitate squaring up of the accounts of this office.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

( M. Roy )

Officer on Special Duty  
JMCI, Kolkata.

To  
Shri L.D. Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
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Pl. give me 'A' 22/2  
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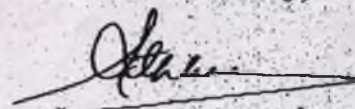
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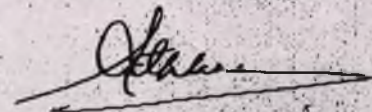
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**FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI**

**TO : INDIA-TAIPEI ASSOCIATION, TAIPEI  
[FAX: 00886-2-2757-6117]**

**FOR SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE, DIRECTOR GENERAL  
FROM  
L.D.RALTE, JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

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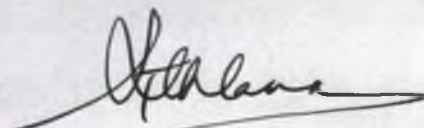
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Kolkata, dated, 01.02.2005.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),  
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To : Shri L.D. Ralte,  
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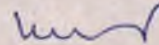
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Kolkata, dated,

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly take up the matter with the ITA so that they may liaise with Mr. Hsu to do the needful as promised.

I am further directed to state that Mr. V.K. Gokhale, Director General, India Taipei Association has suggested to the Hon'ble Chairman that to expedite the matter, your letter to ITA in this regard may be sent through some reputed courier.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty



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No. JMCI/OVERSEAS-WITNESS/2001-01/70(III)/357

January 10, 2005

From : **Shri P.K. Sengupta,**  
Secretary.

To  
Shri T.D. Bhutia , Assistant Director  
India Taipei Association, Taipei  
R N 2010, TWTC International Trade Building  
333, Keelung Road Section 1, Taipei, Taiwan  
Ph: 886 -2 - 27576112/3, Fax: 886-2-2757611

Sub : Proposed visit of the Commission to Taipei

Dear Sir,

Please refer to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2001-01/70(III)/1 dated January 05,2005 on the aforesaid subject.

Necessary sanction of the Ministry of Home Affairs for the proposed visit was received by fax in the evening of January 06, 2005 and today (10.01.2005). For obvious reasons, it is not possible for the Commission to undertake the tour in pursuance of the programme earlier made and communicated to all concerned.

The Commission now proposes to visit Taipei between January 25, 2005 and January 31, 2005. The period of stay of the Commission at Taipei is reduced to two days for the reasons explained below.

Shri L.D. Raltery, Joint Secretary (CNV) , Ministry of External Affairs ,Government of India, has informed in a fax message, received in the evening of January 7,2005, that the ITA has advised against rescheduling the programme of visit to Taipei in February,2005 and that the ITA has further requested for being given at least two months' notice for making the requisite arrangements for the visit. I am directed to say that the Commission's term will expire on May 14,2005 and the Commission has been asked by the Government to submit its report before the expiry of the term. The Government have made it clear that no further extension of the term of the Commission will be allowed. The Commission needs time to hear the arguments of the deponents, examine and sift the voluminous evidence, prepare its report and get it printed. Under these compelling circumstances, the Commission wants to complete its visit to Taipei as early as possible, preferably within the month of January or by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February at the latest. Considering your advice against the rescheduling of the visit in February 2005, the Commission now proposes to visit Taipei for two days between 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of this month (excluding the dates of journey). For this, the Commission does

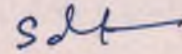


not press 'examination of witnesses' part of the programme. Shri Raltery has observed in his letter dated 07.01.2005 that the witness are either dead or untraceable. (122)

Now that the Commission curtails its programme and restricts it to the visit of the places mentioned in the above-quoted letter and examination of records/documents/files, if available, as mentioned in that letter, it may be possible for you to make necessary arrangements for the visit. I am accordingly directed to request you to kindly suggest the dates of the proposed visit of the Commission to Taipei in the last and penultimate week of January, 2005. Receiving your reply, final programme will be drawn up and sent to you. This may, therefore, be treated as extremely urgent.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary.

No. JMCI/OVERSEAS-WITNESS/2001-01/70(III)/357/1(2)

January 10, 2005

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Copy forwarded to Shri L.D. Raltery  
Joint Secretary (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs  
Government of India  
New Delhi-110001

- The telephonic talk with the undersigned today may kindly be recalled.

Shri U.K. Kalra  
Director, Security Division  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
New Delhi-110 001



(P.K. Sengupta)  
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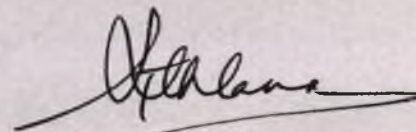
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*Handwritten notes:*  
 Aug 8/24  
 Mr. S. R.  
 (Signature)



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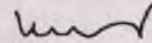
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Kolkata, dated,

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly take up the matter with the ITA so that they may liaise with Mr. Hsu to do the needful as promised.

I am further directed to state that Mr. V.K. Gokhale, Director General, India Taipei Association has suggested to the Hon'ble Chairman that to expedite the matter, your letter to ITA in this regard may be sent through some reputed courier.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty





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**EMBASSY OF INDIA**  
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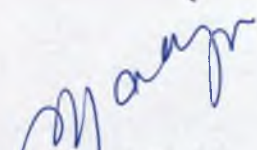
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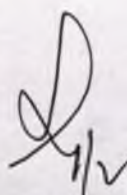
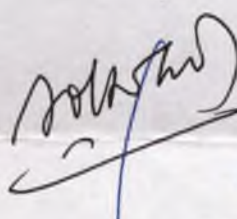
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To	Shri L.D. Ralte, JS(CNV), FND. (Fax: 23792285)
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Please refer to your fax dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 05 regarding postponement of the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) team.

Mr. H.B. Kapasi would be in Bangkok during the period 26 January to 3 February 2005. Grateful if confirmed dates for the Commission's visit, along with detailed final programme, could be intimated at the earliest.

Regards,

  
(Manju)

  
  
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Copy by leg. JS(CNV), MEA.



JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY  
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF  
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.  
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No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/389

Kolkata, dated, 24.01.05.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),  
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri L. D. Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110001.

S i r,

I am directed to inform you that the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission has talked to Shri H.B. Kapasi, on phone today (24.01.2005) and has informed him that he will examine Shri Kapasi as a witness in the afternoon of 28.01.2005 or forenoon of 29.01.2005 at Bangkok and that the exact time and venue of the said examination will be intimated to Shri Kapasi by the Indian Embassy in Bangkok.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly advise the Indian Embassy in Bangkok accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)  
Officer on Special Duty

Copy to Shri H.B. Kapasi, 168/77 Prestige Tower, 15-D, Sukhumvit SOI 23 (Prasanmitr) Klongtoey Nua, Wattana, Bangkok 10110 [FAX No. (00662) 2601229] for his kind information and favour of taking necessary action. This has a reference to the Hon'ble Chairman's talk to him (Shri Kapasi) on phone on 24.01.2005.

Dated : 24.01.2005.

(M. Roy)  
Officer on Special Duty





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28.1.05

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Dated 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2005

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To	Shri L.D. Ralte, JS(CNV), FND. (Fax : 23792285)
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Please refer to your fax No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 04 regarding the proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) team to Thailand and other countries in the region.

The provisional travel itinerary for the team's visit was faxed to us earlier. Grateful if the detailed final programme could be faxed urgently, so that necessary logistical arrangements could be made.

Regards,

Shri  
Sd/-  
no action now.  
Sh. SK  
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Manju  
(Manju)

Why back to me?  
Sh/-  
no action  
Sh. SK  
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✓ Copy by bag: JS(CNV), MEA.

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27-1-05

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(V)/374 (74)

January 17, 2005

From :

Under Certificate of Posting

Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)  
Officer on Special Duty

To

All Deponents

*Shri M. Roy*  
*JMCI file*  
*Shri M. Roy*  
*Shri M. Roy*

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Commission will hold its next sitting on 03.02.2005 & 04.02.2005 starting at 10.30 AM on both the days at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, when the Commission will hear arguments by / on behalf of the deponents on all factual issues.

Yours faithfully,

*M. Roy*

(M. Roy)  
Officer on Special Duty

No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(V)/374 (74)

January 17, 2005

Copy forwarded to :

1. Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Learned Senior Counsel, Government of India,  
33, Asoke Avenue, Kolkata 700040.
2. Ms. Abha (Datta) Roy, Learned Counsel for the Govt. of West Bengal,  
F-4, Cluster XI, Purbachal Housing, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700091

*M. Roy*

(M. Roy)  
Officer on Special Duty





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**Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,**  
(Former Principal Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)  
**Secretary**

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/384

January 18, 2005

Dear

*S. Ralle,*

Enclosed please find a copy of the programme of visit of the Commission to Bangkok and Taipei. A copy of the same programme was earlier sent to you.

The Embassy in Bangkok may kindly be advised to make necessary arrangements for stay, transport, interpreter etc at Bangkok. On way to Taipei the team of the Commission will have to stay at Bangkok for a few hours. It would be highly appreciated if somebody from the Indian Embassy in Bangkok meets the Hon'ble Chairman at the Airport on that day.

The Commission, as intimated earlier, wants to examine some witnesses, but the present whereabouts of most of them are not known and it is also not known whether they are living or dead. I am enclosing a list of those persons.

Serial No. 1 - Shri H.P. Kapasi responded to the notice of the Commission published in newspapers in Bangkok. As regards Serial No. 14, his telephone number, as made available to the Commission, has been given. The Embassy may also be kindly asked to make necessary arrangements for examination of the witnesses who may be available.



With *Regards,*

(131)

Yours

*Sincerely*  
*P.K. Sengupta*

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

Encls : As above

Sri L.D.Ralte  
Director (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110 001  
( Phone No: 011 2301 1357)

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/384/1

January 18, 2005

cc:

Shri Umesh Kalra,  
Director (Securities)  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Government of India  
North Block  
New Delhi 110 001

- for information and necessary action please.

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary



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January 14, 2005

From : **Shri P.K. Sengupta,**  
**Secretary.**

**PROGRAMME OF VISIT OF THE COMMISSION TO BANGKOK AND TAIPEI**

**January 25 2005 -**

Leaving Kolkata for Bangkok by IC 731 at 09.30 hours

Arriving at Bangkok at 13.25 hours

Leaving Bangkok by TG 636 for Taipei at 18.15 hours

Arrival at Taipei at 22.45 hours

**January 26 and 27, 2005 -**

Halt at Taipei for official works, namely, visit to certain places, examination of such documents and records as may be available, etc.

**January 28, 2005 -**

Leaving Taipei for Bangkok at 09.00 hours by TG 637.

Arrival at Bangkok at 11.55 hours

Halt at Bangkok

**January 29, 2005 -**

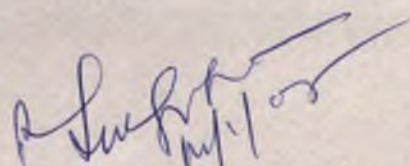
Official works at Bangkok, namely examination of / interaction with local witnesses / persons as may be available.

Halt

**January 30, 2005 -**

Leaving Bangkok by IC 732 at 14.25 hours.

Arriving at Kolkata Airport at 15.25 hours.

  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary



List of persons the Commission wants to meet/examine  
at Bangkok after its arrival at Bangkok on January 28,  
2005 and also on January 29, 2005.

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- 1) Shri H.B. Kapasi  
168/77 Prestige Tower  
15-D, Sukhumvit SOI 23 (Prasanmitr)  
Klongtoey Nua, Wattana,  
Bangkok- 10110.  
(Tel. 02 2601240-2;  
Fax 02 2601229;  
e-mail : Pacifickk@Clickta.com)
- 2) Shri Pratap Singh ... Bangkok
- 3) Shri C. Rai Narula ... Bangkok
- 4) Shri Ram Lal Sachdeva ... Bangkok
- 5) Shri S. T. Mehtani ... Bangkok
- 6) Shri Darshan Singh Bajaj ... Bangkok
- 7) Shri Iswar Singh Narula of INA ... Bangkok
- 8) Shri M. K. Unnithan ... Bangkok
- 9) Shri Atma Ram Jain ... Bangkok
- 10) Shri S.G. Mehtani ... Bangkok
- 11) Shri C. U. Chandiramani ... Bangkok
- 12) Shri Abdul Hameed ... Bangkok
- 13) Shri Raja Singh Narula  
S/o. Late Iswar Singh Narula ... Bangkok
14. Shri Sumath Singh Narula ... Bangkok  
S/o. Late Iswar Singh Narula  
Phone: + 0062 - 6395358



No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D-III)/NCB-II  
Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Security Division

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New Delhi, dated 20.1.2005.

**OFFICE ORDER**

**Subject:** Proposed visit of JMCI to Taipei (Taiwan) and Bangkok to enquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Sanction of the Competent Authority is hereby accorded in respect of Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee (Retd.) Chairman and Shri P.K. Sengupta Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to visit Taipei (Taiwan) and Bangkok for the purpose of inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Sh. Sk  
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2. The deputation will be from 25.1.2005 to 30.1.2005 (including journey time). The period of deputation will be as on duty.

3. Chairman and Secretary Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry have been sanctioned the following during their tour abroad:-

- |    |  |   |
|----|--|---|
| a) | <b>Pay &amp; Allowances:</b>   | The pay and allowances will be drawn as usual in Rupees in India.   |
| b) | <b>Air fare (Tickets to be purchased by cash India directly)</b>           | Chairman-First Class<br>Secretary-club class  |
| c) | <b>Airport Tax &amp; Visa fees:</b>  | As per actual to each   |
| d) | <b>Cash Allowances:</b>  | US \$ 313.13 each.  |
| e) | <b>Transport, Hotel &amp; interpreter etc.</b>                             | To be arranged by the Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on actual basis in Taipei and in Bangkok Indian Embassy will arrange. |
| f) | <b>Contingencies @ Rs.200/- per day for 5 days subject to actual stay.</b> | Rs.1000/- to Chairman only.   |

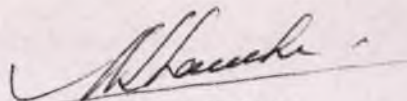


4. Other entitlements will be as laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M.No.19036/7/83-LE.IV dated 7.11.84 as amended from time to time.

5. Sanction is also accorded for drawal of advance of cash allowance as admissible to Chairman, Secretary, Commission of Inquiry.

6. The expenditure will be met from the sanctioned budget Grant of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry during the year 2004-2005.

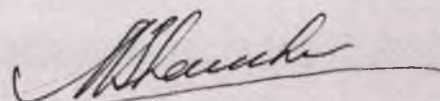
7. Sanction order is issued with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance(Deptt. of Expenditure) vide their Dy. No.U.O. No 49/E-IV/05-DC, dated 20.1.2005.

  
(M.S. ZUHA)  
DESK OFFICER

No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D-III)/NCB-II,

Dated the 20.1.2005

1. Accounts Officer, Regional Pay & Accounts Office(CISF,Ministry of Home Affairs,15/1,Chowringhee Square,4<sup>th</sup> Floor,Kolkata-700069
2. Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A,Mirza Ghalib Street , Kolkata-700087
3. Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary,Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B'Block (Third Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087.
4. Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi with request that India-Taipei Association (Taiwan) may be advised to extend all type of assistance and cooperation to the delegation to avoid any inconvenience to them.
5. Cash-I /Cash-II Section, MHA, New Delhi.
6. Finance-I Desk, MHA, New Delhi.
7. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure(E-IV), North Block, New Delhi. Embassy of India, Singapore.
8. Spare Copies-5

  
(M.S. ZUHA)  
DESK OFFICER





**Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,**  
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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/383

January 18, 2005

Dear

*Dr. Ralle,*

Apropos the telephonic talk with you today and yesterday regarding issue of Visa for Taiwan for the Hon'ble Chairman Mr Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India, and myself, I am sending by courier the following to you and would request you to do the needful so that the Visas are received at this end as early as possible. As I have already intimated, the date of journey of the Commission is on **January 25, 2005 by IC Flt No. 731 at 09.30 hours** from Kolkata.

1. One (1) original Passport of the Hon'ble Chairman
2. The original Passport of myself
3. Two (2) Visa Application Forms for entry into Taiwan, Republic of China duly filled in and signed by the Hon'ble Chairman and myself
4. One photograph of the Hon'ble Chairman pasted on his Application Form and one photograph in a separate cover.
5. One photograph of myself pasted on my Application Form and one photograph in a separate cover.

The money required to be paid for the issue of the Passports <sup>may</sup> kindly be arranged and on getting information about the exact amount of money paid for two (2) Visas, the Commission would send the amount by Bank Draft or by Money Order.

*Visa for  
person sent  
today.*

*Hon'ble Mr  
Sh. Bose has  
requested that  
his passport also  
be sent with other  
passports as he  
has to leave before  
the return.  
The proper letter  
can be sent  
by email.*

*Sd/-  
19/1  
Action Taken  
19/1  
Dr. Sk*



Shri Subrata Bose, M.P., is in New Delhi and he has met you already. Our Visas may be delivered to him for making over to us. (137)

With *Regards,*

Yours *Sincerely,*  
*P.K. Sengupta*  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

**Accomp: As above**

Sri L.D.Ralte  
Director (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110 001  
( Phone No: 011 2301 1357)

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January 18, 2005

Cc:  
Shri Umesh Kalra,  
Director (Securities)  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Government of India  
North Block  
New Delhi 110 001 - for information and necessary action please.

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary



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INDEMBASSY HANOI

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No 91/CN/05  
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162 EFAX MESSAGE

**From :** Embassy of India, Hanoi, Vietnam  
**Fax No :** 0084-4-8244998  
**E-Mail :** India@vietnam.org.vn

**To :** Joint Secretary (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi  
**Fax No :** 0091-11-23792288

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**JUSTICE MIKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY FOR INQUIRY**  
**INTO THE DEATH OF NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE**

1. Please refer to your FAX message dated 10 Jan 05.
2. It is to inform you that the Lunar (Chinese) New Year falls in the second week of February. The festivities/functions would commence by end Jan and are likely to last till approx mid Feb. During this period it would be most difficult to contact the concerned organizations due to non availability of persons.
3. It is recommended that the visit to Vietnam be planned after 14 Feb 2005

with kind regards,

They may not go to  
Vietnam in any case.S.K. Makhiani  
12/1

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(S. K. Makhiani)  
First Secretary & Head of Chancery



245/JSCCNV/105  
20.1.05

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**REGISTERED WITH A/D**

No. JMCI/ DOC-64(VI)/2004/Paper-Clipping Kolkata, dated, January 11, 2005.  
360.

**From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),**  
**Officer on Special Duty**

**To : The Director (CNV),**  
**Ministry of External Affairs,**  
**Government of India,**  
**North Block,**  
**New Delhi 110001.**

*To remain working in Delhi*  
*24/11*  
*20/11*  
**S i r,**

In inviting a reference to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC-64(VI)/2004/293 dated 23.11.2004, I am directed to state that reply thereto is yet to be received.

I am further directed to state that the information/document called for in the Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/228 dated 28.09.2004 and the two files called for in the Commission's letter No. 238 dated 04.10.2004 (Xerox copies thereof are enclosed herewith) as referred to in the last paragraph of the above-mentioned letter dated 23.11.2004 are yet to be furnished.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly do the needful as expeditiously as possible.

**Yours faithfully,**

*[Signature]*  
**(M. Roy)**

**Officer on Special Duty**

**Encl : As stated above.**

*24/11*

*En. Sec.*  
*Letter issued to JMCI*  
*27/11*

*En. Sec.*



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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/228. Kolkata, dated, 28th Sept.'04.

From : Shri M.Roy, IAS(Retd.),  
Officer on Special Duty

To : Sri L.D.Ralte,  
Director(CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a Xerox copy of an article titled, "Netaji your criminal, Nehru wrote to Attlee" authored by Shri Samit Dutta published, in the "Dainik Statesman" dated 19.9.04 which speaks for itself and to state that in the said article, Shri Samit Dutta, a retired Director of the C.B.I., has referred to one report dated 23.05.1946 sent by Mr. Donovan of American Consulate in Bombay (Mumbai) to the Home Secretary of the Government of the U.S.A. allegedly based on the information given to Mr. Donovan by his 'source' and that, according to Shri Dutta, the name of the said 'source' of Mr. Donovan was omitted by the American Govt. from the published copy of the said report even though the same is not classified.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly arrange to procure and send to Commission immediately a true copy of the said report dated 23.5.1946 of Mr. Donovan with the names(s) allegedly mentioned in the said (original) report.

Enclosure : As stated.

Yours faithfully,

( M. Roy )  
Officer on Special Duty







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NO. JMCI/Doc-64(VI)/2004/238.

Kolkata, dated, 4th October '04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),  
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri L.D. Ralte,  
Director (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of a paper-clipping of Dainik Statesman dated 26.9.04 containing an article of Shri Samit Dutta providing interalia information regarding two unclassified files being no. XL38761 regarding death of Subhas Bose 1946 and no. XL47621 regarding Death of Subhas Bose, 1946 relating to the alleged death of Netaji, which are claimed by Shri Dutta to be preserved in the archives of Washington D.C. and to request you to take up this matter with the Government of the U.S.A. so that the said files, if they exist as claimed by Shri Dutta, are made accessible to the Commission immediately.

Enclo : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

REGISTERED WITH A.T.

( M. Roy )  
Officer on Special Duty

No. JMCI/Doc-64(VI)/2004/238(1). Dated 4th October '04.

- 1) Shri U.K. Kalra, Director (Security) Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001. A xerox copy of the above-cited clipping is enclosed herewith.

( M. Roy )  
Officer on Special Duty



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**Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Security Division  
NCB-II**

...  
New Delhi, dated 06.1.2005.

**OFFICE ORDER**

**Subject: Proposed visit of JMCI to Taipei (Taiwan), Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam to enquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.**

Sanction of the Competent Authority is hereby accorded in respect of Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee (Retd.) Chairman and Shri P.K. Sengupta Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to visit Taipei (Taiwan), Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Bangkok (Thailand) and Saigon (Vietnam) for the purpose of inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The deputation will be from 11.1.2005 to 24.1.2005 (including journey time). The period of deputation will be as on duty.

3. Chairman and Secretary Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry have been sanctioned the following during their tour abroad:-

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|----|---|--|
| a) | <b>Pay &amp; Allowances:</b>  | The pay and allowances will be drawn as usual in Rupees in India.  |
| b) | <b>Air fare (Tickets to be purchased by cash India directly)</b>            | Chairman-First Class<br>Secretary-club class   |
| c) | <b>Airport Tax &amp; Visa fees:</b>   | As per actual to each  |
| d) | <b>Cash Allowances:</b>   | US \$ 772.5 each.  |
| e) | <b>Transport, Hotel &amp; interpreter etc.</b>                              | to be arranged by Indian Embassy except Taipei (Taiwan) where expenditure on such arrangements has to be incurred by the Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission on actual basis. |
| f) | <b>Contingencies @ Rs.200/- per day for 13 days subject to actual stay.</b> | Rs.2600/- to Chairman only.  |

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Report to BANGKOK  
& TAIPEI.

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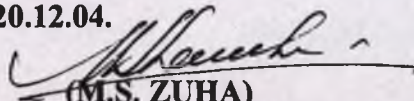
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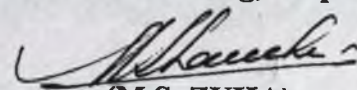
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5. Sanction is also accorded for drawal of advance of cash allowance as admissible to Chairman, Secretary, Commission of Inquiry.
6. The expenditure will be met from the sanctioned budget Grant of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry during the year 2004-2005.
7. Sanction order is issued with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance(Deptt. of Expenditure) vide their Dy. No.U.O. No.05/E.IV/05-DC, dated 6.1.05 and MHA's IFD Dy No.1813/Fin.I/04, dated 20.12.04.

  
(M.S. ZUHA)  
DESK OFFICER.

No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D-III)/NCB-II,

Dated the 06.1.2005

1. Accounts Officer, Regional Pay & Accounts Office(CISF,Ministry of Home Affairs,15/1,Chowringhee Square,4<sup>th</sup> Floor,Kolkata-700069
2. Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A,Mirza Ghalib Street , Kolkata-700087
3. Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary,Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B'Block (Third Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087.
- ✓ 4. Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs,
5. Cash-I /Cash-II Section, MHA, New Delhi.
6. Finance-I Desk, MHA, New Delhi.
7. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure(E-IV), North Block, New Delhi.
8. Embassy of India, Singapore.
9. Embassy of India, Kula Lumpur (Malaysia).
10. Embassy of India, Bankok(Thailand).
11. Embassy of India, Saigon (Vietnam).
12. Indian Taipei Association, Taipei 2010,TWTC, International Trade Building, Taipei, Taiwan.

  
(M.S. ZUHA)  
DESK OFFICER.



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**FAX MESSAGE**

Sh. Sk

FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI  
TO : INDEMBASSY BANGKOK

CHARGE D'AFFAIRS FROM JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)

REFOUR TELECONVERSATION THIS MORNING REGARDING  
VISIT OF THE JMCI TEAM TO BANGKOK AND TAIPEI FROM 25 JANUARY  
2005 TO 30 JANUARY 2005.

2. A COPY OF THE SANCTION ORDER FOR THE VISIT ISSUED BY  
MHA IS FAXED HEREWITH FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND RECORD.

Warm regards,

(L.D.RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)

NO. 25/4/NGO-VolXIII  
dated : 24 January 2005



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From: Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),  
Officer on Special Duty,  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,  
11-A, Mirza Ghalib Street,  
Block 'B', 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Kolkata 700087.

To: Shri Vijay Gokhale,  
Director General,  
India Taipei Association, Taipei,  
Taiwan

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your Fax Message No. Tai/Pol/1/2004 dated January 21, 2005 addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and to send herewith the two e-mails allegedly written to Shri Anuj Dhar by the Hon'ble Mayor of Taipei and the Hon'ble Minister of the Ministry of Transport and Communication, Government of Taiwan for favour of taking necessary action at your end as desired by you.

I am also directed to state that Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary of the Commission cannot accompany the Hon'ble Chairman of Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Kolkata to Taipei as he is seriously ill now and that no accommodation be booked for Shri Sengupta in Taipei during the visit of the Commission there.

I am further directed to confirm that the Thai Airways Flight No. to be availed by Shri Subrata Bose, M.P. is TG-636 and that a copy of your said Fax Message dated January 21, 2005 is being sent to Shri Subrata Bose, M.P. for his information.

Yours faithfully,

M Roy  
Officer on Special Duty

Enclosures As stated above

✓ Copy forwarded to Shri L D. Ralte, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, for his kind information and favour of taking necessary action. This has reference to his endorsement dated 24.01.2005 on the Fax Message No. Tai/Pol/1/2004 dated January 21, 2005 of Shri Vijay Gokhale, Director General, India Taipei Association, Taipei, as also to the Hon'ble Chairman's discussion with him (Shri Ralte) on 24.01.2005 on phone.

(M. Roy)  
Officer on Special Duty

24.01.2005



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To: Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose  
 From: Mr. Lin Ling-San  
 Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2003 6:40 AM  
 Subject: [REDACTED] (3)

Dear Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose:

Thank you for your email dated on 07/19/2003 regarding to the accident happened on 08/16/1945. Your request has been forwarded through Office of the President, Republic of China and Taiwan Ministry of Transportation and Communications and then been processed by Civil Aeronautics Administration.

First, the R.O.C. government drew back Taiwan after WWII, where belonged to Japanese since 1895 as a colony and the precise retrocession date was on 10/25 in 1945. Prior to that date, Japanese colonialists were still responsible of not only military but also civilian activities in Taiwan. Unfortunately, after reviewing all hand over records during the period from 8/14/1945 to 10/25/1945, there was no evidence shows that one plane had ever crashed at old Matsuyama airport (now is Taipei Domestic Airport) carrying Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose. However, the most significant and possible accident in the record shows there exists one U.S. C-47 transporter carrying 26 people( most of them are believed former American POWs just released from the camps in Philippines) crashed on 09/20-23/1945 in Mt. Trident, Taitung area, where is about 200 nautical miles away from Taipei southeasterly and 3000 feet high. All the search and rescue operations in accident were organized by both Japanese and U.S. military authorities while conducted by Taiwanese natives. We may not sure whether U.S. still hold the passenger lists of that crashed plane by the very limited information, but this is the most closest information we could gathered after the most effort we did in this regard.

Sincerely yours,  
 Lin Ling-San  
 Minister of MOTC

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Mr Mayor Sir, this is a plea for your kind consideration over an enduring controversy that has been a matter of great distress for the people of India for over 56 years. My name is Anuj Dhar and I am a journalist working for [www.hindustantimes.com](http://www.hindustantimes.com), the online version of one of the leading newspapers of India. Sir, on 18 August 1945 an Imperial Japanese army plane carrying Indian freedom fighter Subhas Chandra Bose reportedly crashed at old Matsuyama airport in Taipei airport, which is now the site of Hotel Grand. Five decades and many probes later, Indians are unsure about the fate of the man who they put at par with Mahatma Gandhi. As per the information available to me, in 1986 some Indian parliamentarian visiting Taipei were told of the report of a probe into the crash ordered by the Mayor's office. Sir, I request you to kindly have the facts checked and let me know if any plane crashed in Taipei on 18 August 1945. I gather that you are a known charitable figure and have held the office of Justice Minister. I do hope that you would appreciate my request to treat the matter as an issue of human rights. Thanking You Yours Sincerely Anuj Dhar 263, Kangra Niketan Viharapuri, New Delhi- 110018, India \_\_\_\_\_ Do you Yahoo!? Yahoo! Tax Center - forms, calculators, tips, and more

Dear Mr. Dhar:

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Secretariat  
Taipei City Government

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**Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,**  
(Former Principal Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)  
**Secretary**

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of  
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Appointed by the Govt. of  
India, Ministry of Home Affairs  
'B' Block (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/383

January 18, 2005

Dear *M. Ralle*,

Apropos the telephonic talk with you today and yesterday regarding issue of Visa for Taiwan for the Hon'ble Chairman Mr Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India, and myself, I am sending by courier the following to you and would request you to do the needful so that the Visas are received at this end as early as possible. As I have already intimated, the date of journey of the Commission is on **January 25, 2005** by IC Flt No. 731 at **09.30 hours** from Kolkata.

1. One (1) original Passport of the Hon'ble Chairman
2. The original Passport of myself
3. Two (2) Visa Application Forms for entry into Taiwan, Republic of China duly filled in and signed by the Hon'ble Chairman and myself
4. One photograph of the Hon'ble Chairman pasted on his Application Form and one photograph in a separate cover.
5. One photograph of myself pasted on my Application Form and one photograph in a separate cover.

*may*  
The money required to be paid for the issue of the Passports, ~~and~~ kindly be arranged and on getting information about the exact amount of money paid for two (2) Visas, the Commission would send the amount by Bank Draft or by Money Order.

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*Sh. Sk*



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Shri Subrata Bose, M.P., is in New Delhi and he has met you already. Our Visas may be delivered to him for making over to us.

With

*Regards,*

Yours

*Sincerely*  
*P.K. Sengupta*

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

Accomp: As above

*(Already sent  
by Courier)*

Sri L.D.Ralte  
Director (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110 001  
( Phone No: 011 2301 1357)

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/383/1

January 18, 2005

Cc:

Shri Umesh Kalra,  
Director (Securities)  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Government of India  
North Block  
New Delhi 110 001

- for information and necessary action please.

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary



By Regd. Post with A/D. JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Phone:

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.

'B' Block, (Third Floor)

11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700 087

FAX : 0091-033-2252-2765

Chairman - 2252-2835

Secretary - 2252-2767

Officer on

Special Duty - 2252-2765

Office - 2252-2766/68

e-mail: jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in

No. JMCI/Doc/99-2000/56(V)/386.

Kolkata, dated, 19.01.2005.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),  
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Director (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the Commission's letters  
No. JMCI/Doc/99-2000/56(V)/276 dated 18.11.04 and no. JMCI/  
99-2000/56(V)/289 dated 22.11.04, I am directed to state  
that the true copy of the report dated 23.5.1946 of  
Mr. Donovan with the name(s) allegedly mentioned in the  
original report as sought for in the aforesaid letter  
dated 18.11.04 as also the information and the documents  
called for in the aforesaid letter dated 22.11.2004 of  
the Commission are yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly  
expedite necessary action in the regard.

Yours faithfully,

( M. Roy )

Officer on Special Duty

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Sh. SK

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Shri  
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have been  
received from  
FBI, Washington  
letter to JMCI  
issued today



Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Security Division

New Delhi, dated 20.1.2005.

OFFICE ORDER

**Subject:** Proposed visit of JMCI to Taipei (Taiwan) and Bangkok to enquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Sanction of the Competent Authority is hereby accorded in respect of Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee (Retd.) Chairman and Shri P.K. Sengupta Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to visit Taipei (Taiwan) and Bangkok for the purpose of inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The deputation will be from 25.1.2005 to 30.1.2005 (including journey time). The period of deputation will be as on duty.

3. Chairman and Secretary Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry have been sanctioned the following during their tour abroad:-

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|----|--|---|
| a) | <b>Pay &amp; Allowances:</b>   | The pay and allowances will be drawn as usual in Rupees in India.   |
| b) | <b>Air fare (Tickets to be purchased by cash India directly)</b>           | Chairman-First Class<br>Secretary-club class  |
| c) | <b>Airport Tax &amp; Visa fees:</b>  | As per actual to each   |
| d) | <b>Cash Allowances:</b>  | US \$ 313.13 each.  |
| e) | <b>Transport, Hotel &amp; interpreter etc.</b>                             | To be arranged by the Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on actual basis in Taipei and in Bangkok Indian Embassy will arrange. |
| f) | <b>Contingencies @ Rs.200/- per day for 5 days subject to actual stay.</b> | Rs.1000/- to Chairman only.   |

Ph. J. S. K.  
17A, Taipei and  
201, Bangkok  
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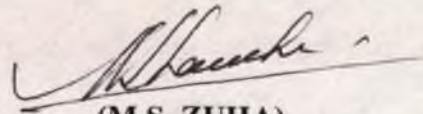
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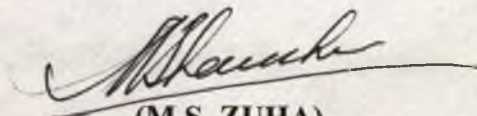
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(M.S. ZUHA)  
DESK OFFICER

No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D-III)/NCB-II,

Dated the 20.1.2005

1. Accounts Officer, Regional Pay & Accounts Office(CISF,Ministry of Home Affairs,15/1,Chowringhee Square,4<sup>th</sup> Floor,Kolkata-700069
2. Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A,Mirza Ghalib Street , Kolkata-700087
3. Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary,Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B'Block (Third Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087.
- ✓ 4. Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi with request that India-Taipei Association (Taiwan) may be advised to extend all type of assistance and cooperation to the delegation to avoid any inconvenience to them.
5. Cash-I /Cash-II Section, MHA, New Delhi.
6. Finance-I Desk, MHA, New Delhi.
7. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure(E-IV), North Block, New Delhi. Embassy of India, Singapore.
8. Spare Copies-5

  
(M.S. ZUHA)  
DESK OFFICER





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भारत का उच्चायोग  
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA  
KUALA LUMPUR

10 January 2005

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To: Foreign New Delhi  
(Fax: 00-91-11-23792285)

✓ Joint Secretary (CNV) from First Secretary (PIE) & HOC

Sub: **Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Malaysia**

Dear Joint Secretary,

We have been informed vide your fax message dated 07 December 2004 that the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry will be visiting Kuala Lumpur on 12-13 January 2005. It was mentioned earlier that the visit is tentative. Grateful for urgent confirmation of their arrival on the above mentioned dates to facilitate us to firm up meetings, etc.

With warm regards,

(V. Mahalingam)  
First Secretary (PIE) & HOC

Team WR  
going to Malaysia  
Sh. S. C.

20/1/05





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HAN/103/17/2004

23 December, 2004

The Embassy of India in Vietnam presents its compliments to the State Record and Archives Department of Vietnam and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note Verbale Number HAN/103/16/2002 dated July 23, 2003 (Copy attached).

In Embassy's continuing endeavour to find some evidence related to facts and circumstances related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (an Indian leader and founder of Indian National Army) in August 1945, notices were got published in two Vietnamese Newspapers, 'Vietnam News' and 'Lao Dong' of 12 December 2003. Copies of these advertisements are attached for the perusal of the esteemed department. Interaction was also carried out with Vietnam Army Museum, Vietnam Revolutionary museum amongst some other museums. Subsequently, the embassy has been apprised of some press reports that have appeared in India which state that, **"accessible pictorial and documentary material on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's stay at Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) in 1945 is available with the Government of Vietnam"**. The Commission of Inquiry, appointed by the Government of India to investigate this case would like to access whatever material is available with the Department or the Government of Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The Embassy of India would like to request the esteemed department to apprise them of any documents or evidence that may be available with regard to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose or the Indian National Army. In case however no documents or evidence is available with the esteemed department or any of the concerned museums, the same may also please be confirmed. It is also intimated that the members of this Inquiry Commission are likely to visit Vietnam shortly. Details of the visit will be communicated as and when known.

The Embassy of India in Vietnam avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the State Archive Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the assurances of its highest consideration.

The State Archive Department  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Socialist Republic of Vietnam  
Hanoi

(Kind Attention : HE Mr Duong Van Kham, Director General)





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**NOO**

✓ Joint Secretary (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi

1. Please refer to your letter No 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 03 Dec 04.

2. It is requested that the dates of visit be intimated. Also, Dr Tilak Raj Sareen, who has submitted a sworn affidavit and Prabha Jagannathan, author of the article published in 'The Telegraph' of 26 Sep 1994 may be requested to indicate the location of the '*accessible pictorial and documentary material*' or the authority under which the statement has been made. If possible, arrangements may please be made for them to accompany the JMCI to Vietnam (*and Saigon/Ho Chi Minh city*) so that the available details can be obtained expeditiously (*or speculations can be put to rest !*).





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EMBASSY OF INDIA, HANOI  
VIETNAM

No.HAN/103/16/2002

July 23, 2003

The Embassy of India in Vietnam presents its compliments to the State Archive Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and has the honour to request for the kind assistance of the esteemed Department for any information/documents/photographs etc. that may be available in the archives in Vietnam indicating the presence in Vietnam of the Indian leader and founder of the Indian National Army Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (who is believed by some to have been sighted in Vietnam after a plane crash in August 1945). This information has been requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry instituted by the Government of India to unravel the mystery of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose after the plane crash.

The Embassy of India in Vietnam avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the State Archive Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the assurances of its highest consideration.

The State Archive Department  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Socialist Republic of Vietnam  
Hanoi

(Kind Attn: H.E. Mr. Duong Van Kham, Director General)

Copy to:

Asia-II Department  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Socialist Republic of Vietnam  
Hanoi

Copy to:

Dr. Pham Quoc Quan,  
Director,  
Vietnam History Museum,  
Socialist Republic of Vietnam,  
Hanoi





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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

**FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF  
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.**

**'B' Block, (Third Floor)**

**11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087**

**Phone:**

**Chairman : 2252-2835**

**Secretary : 2252-2767**

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**Office : 2252-2766/68**

**Fax: (033) 2252-2765**

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**NOTICE**

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has been set up by the Government of India with the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India, as its Chairman to inquire into the facts and circumstances related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including the following matters:

- (a) Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (d) Whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) If he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The materials in the possession of the Commission till now tend to make it appear to the Commission that evidence relevant to the points of enquiry is likely to be available at HCM city. To explore the possibility of getting such evidence the Commission may visit HCM city.

Any individual, group of persons, associations, institutions or organizations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the aforesaid matters referred to the Commission for Inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters as mentioned above may contact the **Embassy of India in Hanoi (Tel: 04 8244990)/Consulate General of India in HCM city (Tel: 08 9303539)** or the Commission direct at the postal address, Fax No. and e-mail address of the Commission given above.

*Covered on Vietnam News on Friday  
December 12, 2003*



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**ỦY BAN ĐIỀU TRA CÔNG LÝ MUKHERJEE**

**Điều tra về việc mất tích của Ông**

**NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE**

**'B' Block (Tầng Ba)**

**11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata - 700087**

**Điện thoại:**

**Chủ tịch: 2252 2835**

**Thư ký: 2252 2767**

**Văn phòng**

**Phụ trách Đặc biệt: 2252 2765**

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## **THÔNG BÁO**

Ủy ban Điều tra Công lý Mukherjee đã được Chính phủ Ấn Độ thành lập do Ngài Monoj Kurnar Mukherjee, nguyên Thẩm phán Tòa án Tối cao Ấn Độ đã nghỉ hưu, làm Chủ tịch với mục đích điều tra về sự thật và những chi tiết liên quan tới việc được cho là mất tích của Ông Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose vào năm 1945 và những diễn biến xảy ra sau này liên quan đến các vấn đề sau đây:

- a/ Liệu Ông Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose đã chết hay vẫn còn sống;
- b/ Nếu Ông đã chết, có phải Ông đã chết trong vụ tai nạn máy bay, như đã được viện dẫn;
- c/ Liệu tro hỏa táng trong ngôi đền Nhật Bản là tro hỏa táng từ thi hài của Ông Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- d/ Liệu có phải Ông đã qua đời trong một hoàn cảnh nào khác tại một địa điểm khác nào đó và, nếu vậy, thì tại thời điểm nào và ra sao;
- e/ Nếu Ông còn sống, hiện Ông đang sống ở đâu.

Những tài liệu mà Ủy ban có được cho đến nay có cơ sở để Ủy ban cho rằng bằng chứng liên quan tới mục đích điều tra có thể có được tại Sài Gòn. Nhằm tìm kiếm khả năng thu thập bằng chứng, Ủy ban có thể sẽ sang Sài Gòn.

Mọi cá nhân, tập thể, cơ quan, đoàn thể hay các tổ chức biết hoặc nghe nói tới, trực tiếp hay gián tiếp về sự thật và những chi tiết liên quan đến những vấn đề đã nêu ở trên nhằm giúp cho công việc điều tra của Ủy ban và có sự quan tâm tới quá trình điều tra của Ủy ban hoặc sẵn sàng hợp tác với Ủy ban trong việc điều tra những vấn đề như đã đề cập trên đây xin vui lòng liên hệ với Tổng Lãnh sự quán Ấn Độ tại Thành phố Hồ Chí Minh (Điện thoại: 08.9303539) / Đại Sứ quán Ấn Độ tại Hà Nội (Điện thoại: 04.8244990) hoặc liên hệ trực tiếp tới Ủy ban theo địa chỉ Bưu điện, số Fax và địa chỉ thư điện tử của Ủy ban ghi ở trên.

Đã ký  
(P.K.Sengupta)  
Thư ký

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**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(CNV DIVISION)  
NEW DELHI**

**FAX MESSAGE**

**FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI  
TO : INDEMBASSY BANGKOK**

**CHARGE D'AFFAIRS FROM JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

REFOUR TELECONVERSATION THIS MORNING REGARDING  
VISIT OF THE JMCI TEAM TO **BANGKOK AND TAIPEI** FROM **25 JANUARY**  
**2005 TO 30 JANUARY 2005.**

2. A COPY OF THE SANCTION ORDER FOR THE VISIT ISSUED BY  
MHA IS FAXED HEREWITH FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND RECORD.

SD/-

(L.D.RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)

NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII  
dated : 24 January 2005

✓ Copy by bag to Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of India, Bangkok

*Wahne request,*

*[Signature]*

(L.D.RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)

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**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

14 January 2005

Dear *Shri Mahalingam,*

Please refer to your letter no. KUA/P/163/91/03 dated 4 January 2005 regarding **Shri Dato G.S.Gill** (brother of deceased **Shri Amrik Singh Gill**-a member of the **INA**).

2. The JMCI has conveyed its consent to **Dato G.S.Gill's** proposal to host a lunch for the JMCI team members during its visit to Kuala Lumpur. Meanwhile, as informed earlier, the JMCI has had to postpone its tour programme. We shall inform you of the revised travel itinerary as soon as the same is finalised and conveyed by the JMCI.

*Warm regards and  
Best wishes for New Year.*

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*

(L.D.Ralte)

**Shri V.Mahalingam**  
**First Secretary (PIE),**  
**High Commission of India,**  
**Kuala Lumpur**

[ Fax : 00-603-20925826 ]

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,  
(Former Principal Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)  
Secretary

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of  
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D O No JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(iii)/359

January 11, 2005

Dear *Sri Ralte,*

Please refer to your d.o letter no 25/4/NGO-Vol. III dated 7.1.2005 which was received by fax at this end at about 5.30 PM yesterday

I am directed to convey to you the Commission's consent to Sri Dato G.S.Gill's proposal to host a lunch for the members of the JMCI team during its visit to Kuala Lumpur. I am further directed to say that the programme of the visit of the Commission will have to be revised for the late receipt of the sanction from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India and as such exact date(s) of the proposed visit of the Commission to Kuala Lumpur cannot be indicated now.

With *Warm regards,*

Yours

*Sincerely,**P.K. Sengupta*

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

Sri L D Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110 001

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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**  
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NO. JMCI/OVERSEAS WITNESSES/2000-01/70(III)/373

January 14, 2005

From : **Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)**  
Secretary.

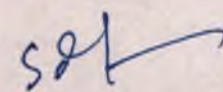
To  
Sri U. K. Kalra,  
Director (Securities )  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Government of India, North Block  
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Visit to Taipei

Sir,

In continuation of my d.o. letter no. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/369 dated 13.01.2005 sent by FAX yesterday, I am sending herewith a revised and curtailed programme of visit. Air fare (Business Class) will be Rs. 62,705.00 (including Taxes of Rs. 3050.00) per head. Hence the total air fare will be Rs. 62,705 X 2 = Rs. 1,25,410.00. I am directed to request you to send by FAX necessary modified order of sanction to enable the Commission to draw money for air tickets, visas etc.

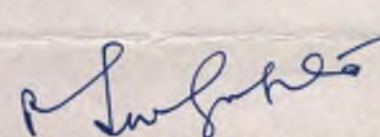
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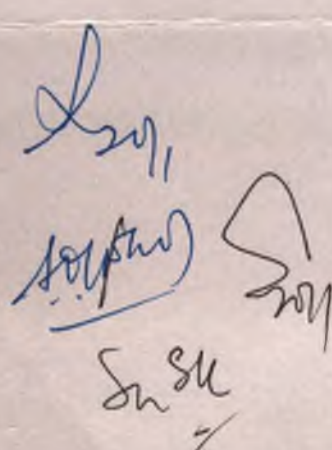
  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary.

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January 14, 2005

Copy forwarded Sri L.D.Ralte, Jt. Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001 for information and necessary action

  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary.





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January 14, 2005

From : **Shri P.K. Sengupta,**  
**Secretary.**

**PROGRAMME OF VISIT OF THE COMMISSION TO BANGKOK AND TAIPEI**

**January 25 2005 -**

Leaving Kolkata for Bangkok by IC 731 at 09.30 hours

Arriving at Bangkok at 13.25 hours

Leaving Bangkok by GG 636 for Taipei at 18.15 hours

Arrival at Taipei at 22.45 hours

**January 26 and 27, 2005 -**

Halt at Taipei for official works, namely, visit to certain places, examination of such documents and records as may be available, etc.

**January 28, 2005 -**

Leaving Taipei for Bangkok at 09.00 hours by GG 637.

Arrival at Bangkok at 11.55 hours

Halt at Bangkok

**January 29, 2005 -**

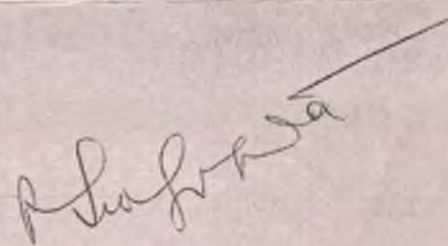
Official works at Bangkok, namely examination of / interaction with local witnesses / persons as may be available.

Halt

**January 30, 2005 -**

Leaving Bangkok by IC 732 at 14.25 hours.

Arriving at Kolkata Airport at 15.25 hours.

  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary





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January 14, 2005

D.O.No.JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)371

Dear *Sri. Ralte*,

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 13/1/05 and to say that the Commission wants to visit, among other places, the Offices/Archives of the Taipei City Government, Mayor of Taipei and the Ministry of Transport and Communications in order to verify the authenticity of two e-mails to Shri Anuj Dhar, a Journalist – one dated 12/3/2003 from the Mayor of Taipei and the other dated 5/8/2003 from Mr. Lin, Ling – San, Minister of M.O.T.C., Government of Taiwan. The Commission received a copy each of both the e-mails from Shri Anuj Dhar by e-mail and also a copy of the e-mail from the Hon'ble Mayor of Taipei by post from his office. To verify the authenticity of these two e-mails – one originating from the office of the Mayor of Taipei and the other from Mr. Lin, Ling – San, Hon'ble Minister, M.O.T.C. by looking into the originals of the said two e-mails and also the records on which the information furnished in the e-mails was based.

*With regards,*

Yours sincerely,

*P.K. Sengupta*  
 (P.K. Sengupta)  
 Secretary

Mr. L.D.Ralte,  
 Director (CNV),  
 Ministry of External Affairs,  
 Government of India,  
 South Block,  
 New Delhi 110 001.

January 14, 2005

D.O.No.JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/371/1

Copy forwarded to  
 Sri Umesh Kalra,  
 Director (Security),  
 Ministry of Home Affairs,  
 Govt. of India, North Block,  
 New Delhi-110001 - for information.

*We can forward this to Mr. Kalra*  
*Shy.*

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**FACSIMILE MESSAGE**

**FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI**

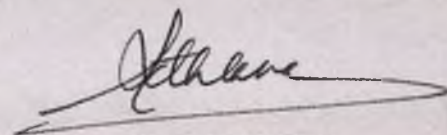
**TO : INDIA-TAIPEI ASSOCIATION, TAIPEI**  
[ FAX : 00886-2-2757-6117]

**FOR SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE, DIRECTOR GENERAL  
FROM  
L.D.RALTE, JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

THIS IS FURTHER TO MY FAX OF YESTERDAY REGARDING PROPOSED VISIT OF THE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (JMCI) TEAM TO TAIWAN FROM 26 JANUARY 2005 TO 27 JANUARY 2005.

THE JMCI HAS INFORMED THAT THE TEAM WISHES TO VISIT, AMONG OTHER PLACES, THE OFFICES/ARCHIVES OF THE TAIPEI CITY GOVERNMENT, MAYOR OF TAIPEI AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION, IN ORDER TO VERIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF TWO E-MAILS ADDRESSED TO **SHRI ANUJ DHAR, A JOURNALIST** (ONE DATED **12.3.2003** FROM THE **MAYOR OF TAIPEI** AND THE OTHER DATED **5.8.2003** FROM **MR. LIN LING-SAN, MINISTER OF M.O.T.C, GOVERNMENT OF TAIWAN**) SHRI DHAR HAD FORWARDED COPIES OF THESE E-MAIL MESSAGES TO THE JMCI. JMCI WISHES TO VERIFY AUTHENTICITY OF THESE E-MAIL MESSAGES AS WELL AS LOOK INTO THE RECORDS THAT FORM THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THE MESSAGES.

*Your msg. to HLEX also received. Will brief team accordingly. Warm regards,*



**(L.D.RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

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Dated: 19 January 2005**



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FROM : JMC1

FAX NO. : 091 033 252 2765

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No. JMC1/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/389

Kolkata, dated, 24.01.05.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),  
Officer on Special Duty

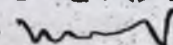
To : Shri L. D. Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110001.

S I R,

I am directed to inform you that the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission has talked to Shri H.B. Kapasi, on phone today (24.01.2005) and has informed him that he will examine Shri Kapasi as a witness in the afternoon of 28.01.2005 or forenoon of 29.01.2005 at Bangkok and that the exact time and venue of the said examination will be intimated to Shri Kapasi by the Indian Embassy in Bangkok.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly advise the Indian Embassy in Bangkok accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Copy to Shri H.B. Kapasi, 168/77 Prestige Tower, 15-D, Sukhumvit SOI 23 (Prasannit) Klongtoey Nua, Wattana, Bangkok 10110 [ FAX No. (00662) 2601229 ] for his kind information and favour of taking necessary action. This has a reference to the Hon'ble Chairman's talk to him (Shri Kapasi) on phone on 24.01.2005.



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**Officer on Special Duty**

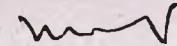
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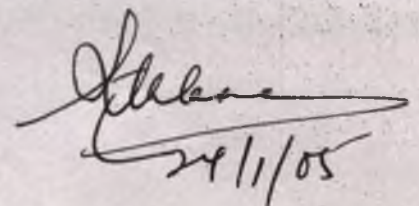
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Dated : 24.01.2005.

(M. Roy)  
Officer on Special Duty

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**CHARGE D'AFFAIRS FROM JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

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*Warm regards,*



**(L.D. RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

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dated : 24 January 2005**



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**Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Security Division  
NCB-II**

...  
New Delhi, dated 06.1.2005.

**OFFICE ORDER**

**Subject: Proposed visit of JMCI to Taipei (Taiwan), Singapore, Malaysia , Thailand and Vietnam to enquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.**

Sanction of the Competent Authority is hereby accorded in respect of Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee (Retd.) Chairman and Shri P.K. Sengupta Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to visit Taipei (Taiwan), Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Bangkok (Thailand) and Saigon (Vietnam) for the purpose of inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The deputation will be from 11.1.2005 to 24.1.2005 (including journey time). The period of deputation will be as on duty.

3. Chairman and Secretary Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry have been sanctioned the following during their tour abroad:-

- |    |   |  |
|----|---|--|
| a) | <b>Pay &amp; Allowances:</b>  | The pay and allowances will be drawn as usual in Rupees in India.  |
| b) | <b>Air fare (Tickets to be purchased by cash India directly)</b>            | Chairman-First Class<br>Secretary-club class   |
| c) | <b>Airport Tax &amp; Visa fees:</b>   | As per actual to each  |
| d) | <b>Cash Allowances:</b>   | US \$ 772.5 each.  |
| e) | <b>Transport, Hotel &amp; interpreter etc.</b>                              | to be arranged by Indian Embassy except Taipei (Taiwan) where expenditure on such arrangements has to be incurred by the Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission on actual basis. |
| f) | <b>Contingencies @ Rs.200/- per day for 13 days subject to actual stay.</b> | Rs.2600/- to Chairman only.  |



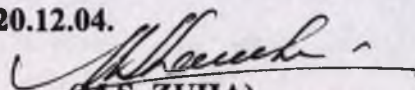
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4. Other entitlements will be as laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M.No.19036/7/83-LE.IV dated 7.11.84 as amended from time to time.

5. Sanction is also accorded for drawal of advance of cash allowance as admissible to Chairman, Secretary, Commission of Inquiry.

6. The expenditure will be met from the sanctioned budget Grant of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry during the year 2004-2005.

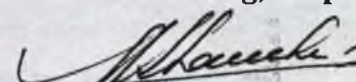
7. Sanction order is issued with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance(Deptt. of Expenditure) vide their Dy. No.U.O. No.05/E.IV/05-DC, dated 6.1.05 and MHA's IFD Dy No.1813/Fin.I/04, dated 20.12.04.

  
(M.S. ZUHA)  
DESK OFFICER.

No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D-III)/NCB-II,

Dated the 06.1.2005

1. Accounts Officer, Regional Pay & Accounts Office(CISF,Ministry of Home Affairs,15/1,Chowringhee Square,4<sup>th</sup> Floor,Kolkata-700069
2. Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A,Mirza Ghalib Street , Kolkata-700087
3. Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary,Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B'Block (Third Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087.
- ✓ 4 Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs,
5. Cash-I /Cash-II Section, MHA, New Delhi.
6. Finance-I Desk, MHA, New Delhi.
7. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure(E-IV), North Block, New Delhi.
8. Embassy of India, Singapore.
9. Embassy of India, Kula Lumpur (Malaysia).
10. Embassy of India, Bankok(Thailand).
11. Embassy of India, Saigon (Vietnam).
12. Indian Taipei Association, Taipei 2010,TWTC, International Trade Building, Taipei, Taiwan.

  
(M.S. ZUHA)  
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**Ravi Bangar**  
Deputy High Commissioner

**High Commission of India**  
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*Warm regards,*

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(Ravi Bangar)

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20/1/05

(L. D. RALTE)  
Joint Secretary (CNV) &  
Chief Vigilance Officer  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi.

*Sh. SK*  
24/1/05



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**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
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**FAX MESSAGE**

**FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI**

**TO : INDEMBASSY BANGKOK**

**AMBASSADOR/ CHARGE D'AFFAIRS  
FROM  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

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3. MISSION MAY KINDLY DO THE NEEDFUL IN THIS REGARD AND CONFIRM.

*Warm regards,*

*[Signature]*

**(L.D.RALTE)**  
**JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

**NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII**  
**dated : 20 January 2005**



**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
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**FAX MESSAGE**

**FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI**  
**TO : INDIA-TAIPEI ASSOCIATION, TAIPEI**  
[FAX: 00886-2-2757-6117]

**FOR SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE, DIRECTOR GENERAL  
FROM  
L.D.RALTE, JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

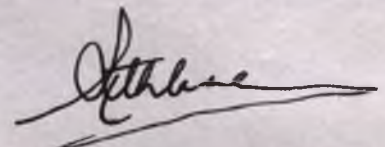
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ACCOMMODATION IN A BUDGET HOTEL IN TAIPEI FOR THE DURATION OF  
HIS STAY IN ~~BANGKOK~~ TAIPEI.

3. GRATEFUL IF THE NEEDFUL IS DONE AND CONFIRMATION  
SENT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM INDIA.

*Warm regards,*



**(L.D.RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

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*Message found on 20/1/05*



L.D.Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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19 January 2005

Dear

Enclosed are the Passports of Justice **M.K.Mukherjee**, Hon'ble Chairman of JMCI, **Shri Subrata Bose**, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and yourself, all duly stamped with the **Visa** for Taiwan.

2. An expenditure of **Rs.3400/-** (Rupees three thousand four hundred) has been incurred by the undersigned towards payment of the Visa Fees (receipt attached). The amount may be reimbursed through issue of a Bank Draft in favour of- **"Mr. L.D.Ralte"**.

3. We may also like to reiterate our earlier request to the Commission to avoid any public mention of the assistance being provided by the India-Taipei Association (ITA) as it is **a non-governmental office in Taipei.**

Yours sincerely,

(L.D.Ralte)

**Shri P.K.Sengupta**  
Secretary,  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,  
'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,  
Kolkata 700 087  
[Fax : 033-2252-2765 ]

**Copy for information to :-**

Shri Umesh Kalra, Director, NCB-II Section, Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, N.Delhi, w.r.t the aforementioned letter received from JMCI.

(L. D. R. LTE)  
Joint Secretary (CNV) &  
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Ministry of External Affairs,  
New Delhi.

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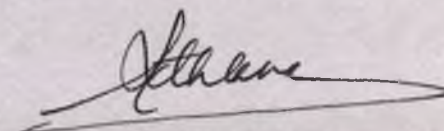
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[ FAX : 00886-2-2757-6117]**

**FOR SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE, DIRECTOR GENERAL  
FROM  
L.D.RALTE, JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

THIS IS FURTHER TO MY FAX OF YESTERDAY REGARDING PROPOSED VISIT OF THE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (JMCI) TEAM TO TAIWAN FROM 26 JANUARY 2005 TO 27 JANUARY 2005.

THE JMCI HAS INFORMED THAT THE TEAM WISHES TO VISIT, AMONG OTHER PLACES, THE OFFICES/ARCHIVES OF THE TAIPEI CITY GOVERNMENT, MAYOR OF TAIPEI AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION, IN ORDER TO VERIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF TWO E-MAILS ADDRESSED TO **SHRI ANUJ DHAR, A JOURNALIST** (ONE DATED **12.3.2003** FROM THE **MAYOR OF TAIPEI** AND THE OTHER DATED **5.8.2003** FROM **MR. LIN LING-SAN, MINISTER OF M.O.T.C, GOVERNMENT OF TAIWAN**) SHRI DHAR HAD FORWARDED COPIES OF THESE E-MAIL MESSAGES TO THE JMCI. JMCI WISHES TO VERIFY AUTHENTICITY OF THESE E-MAIL MESSAGES AS WELL AS LOOK INTO THE RECORDS THAT FORM THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THE MESSAGES.

*Your msg. to HLOA) also received. Will brief team accordingly. Warm regards,*



**(L.D.RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

**NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII  
Dated: 19 January 2005**

*Message faxed on 19/1/05*





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EMBASSY OF INDIA  
BANGKOK

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No. BAN/Pol/103/6/03

Dated 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2005

From	Ms. Manju, First Secretary (Pol), Indembassy Bangkok. (Tel. No. 00-66 2 2584491 – Fax No. 2584627/2621740)
To	Shri L.D. Ralte, JS(CNV), FND. (Fax: 23792285)
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Please refer to your fax dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 05 regarding postponement of the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) team.

Mr. H.B. Kapasi would be in Bangkok during the period 26 January to 3 February 2005. Grateful if confirmed dates for the Commission's visit, along with detailed final programme, could be intimated at the earliest.

Regards,

*you have sent 'A'*  
*19/1*

*Manju*  
(Manju)

*sof (NAR)*  
*Our message of 18/1 was*  
*transmitted today at 1555 hrs*  
*19/1/05*

*Sh. SK*



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**AMBASSADOR FROM JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

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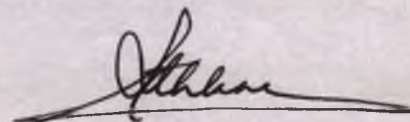
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3. THE JMCI TEAM WILL STOPOVER AT **BANGKOK** FOR A FEW HOURS ON **25 JANUARY 2005** ENROUTE TAIPEI. KINDLY DEPUTE AN OFFICER TO RECEIVE AND MEET THE **HON'BLE CHAIRMAN** AT THE AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL THAT DAY.

4. THE JMCI TEAM WISHES TO EXAMINE SOME WITNESSES WHOSE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE NOT KNOWN (EXCEPT S.NO.1 AND 14 IN THE LIST), NOR IS IT KNOWN WHETHER THEY ARE ALIVE OR DEAD. THE LIST OF SUCH PERSONS SENT BY JMCI IS ENCLOSED. IT MAY BE MENTIONED THAT **MR. H.P.KAPASI** (S.NO.1) HAS ALREADY RESPONDED TO THE COMMISSION'S NOTICE WHILE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF **MR. SUNATH SINGH NARULA** (AT S.NO. 14) HAS BEEN PROVIDED [**TEL NO. 0062- 6395358**]. THE JMCI HAS REQUESTED FOR NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR EXAMINATION OF THE WITNESSES WHO MAY BE AVAILABLE.

*Warm regards,*



**(L.D.RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

**NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII  
dated :18 January 2005**

*Message has been forwarded  
on 19/1/05*



list of persons who commission wants to meet/examine  
at Bangkok after its arrival at Bangkok on January 28,  
2005 and also up January 29, 2005.

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- 1) Shri H.B. Kapasi  
168/77 Prestige Tower  
15-D, Sukhumvit SOI 23 (Prasanmitr)  
Klongtoey Nua, Wattana,  
Bangkok- 10110.  
(Tel. 02 2601240-2;  
Fax 02 2601229;  
e-mail : Pacifickk@Clickta.com)
- 2) Shri Pratap Singh ... Bangkok
- 3) Shri C. Rai Narula ... Bangkok
- 4) Shri Ram Lal Sachdeva ... Bangkok
- 5) Shri S. T. Mentani ... Bangkok
- 6) Shri Darshan Singh Bajaj ... Bangkok
- 7) Shri Iswar Singh Narula of INA ... Bangkok
- 8) Shri M. K. Unnithan ... Bangkok
- 9) Shri Atma Ram Jain ... Bangkok
- 10) Shri S.G. Mehtani ... Bangkok
- 11) Shri C. U. Chandiramani ... Bangkok
- 12) Shri Abdul Hameed ... Bangkok
- 13) Shri Raju Singh Narula  
S/O. Late Iswar Singh Narula ... Bangkok
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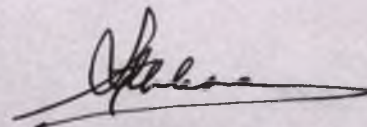
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*\* Message forwarded on 12/1/05*





**Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,**  
**(Former Principal Secretary**  
**to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)**  
**Secretary**

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
 For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of  
 Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Appointed by the Govt. of  
 India, Ministry of Home Affairs  
 'B' Block (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

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jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/384

January 18, 2005

Dear

*S. Kalle*

Enclosed please find a copy of the programme of visit of the Commission to Bangkok and Taipei. A copy of the same programme was earlier sent to you.

The Embassy in Bangkok may kindly be advised to make necessary arrangements for stay, transport, interpreter etc at Bangkok. On way to Taipei the team of the Commission will have to stay at Bangkok for a few hours. It would be highly appreciated if somebody from the Indian Embassy in Bangkok meets the Hon'ble Chairman at the Airport on that day.

The Commission, as intimated earlier, wants to examine some witnesses, but the present whereabouts of most of them are not known and it is also not known whether they are living or dead. I am enclosing a list of those persons.

Serial No. 1 - Shri H.P. Kapasi responded to the notice of the Commission published in newspapers in Bangkok. As regards Serial No. 14, his telephone number, as made available to the Commission, has been given. The Embassy may also be kindly asked to make necessary arrangements for examination of the witnesses who may be available.

*Message  
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*7/1 Bangkok*

*7/9/1/05*

*S. Sk*



FROM : JMCI

FAX NO. : 091 033 252 2765

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With *Keyans,*

Yours

*P.K. Sengupta*

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

Encls : As above

Sri L.D.Ralte  
Director (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110 001  
( Phone No: 011 2301 1357)

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/384/1

January 18, 2005

cc:

Shri Umesh Kalra,  
Director (Securities)  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Government of India  
North Block  
New Delhi 110 001

- for information and necessary action please.

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary



**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

**NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.**

B Block, (Third Floor)

11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

**Phone:**

Chairman - 2252-2835

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January 14, 2005

From **Shri P.K. Sengupta,**  
Secretary.**PROGRAMME OF VISIT OF THE COMMISSION TO BANGKOK AND TAIPEI****January 25 2005** -

Leaving Kolkata for Bangkok by IC 731 at 09.30 hours

Arriving at Bangkok at 13.25 hours

Leaving Bangkok by TG 636 for Taipei at 18.15 hours

Arrival at Taipei at 22.45 hours

**January 26 and 27, 2005** -Halt at Taipei for official works, namely, visit to certain places, examination of such documents and records as may be available, etc.**January 28, 2005** -

Leaving Taipei for Bangkok at 09.00 hours by TG 637.

Arrival at Bangkok at 11.55 hours

Halt at Bangkok

**January 29, 2005** -

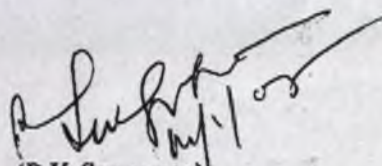
Official works at Bangkok, namely examination of / interaction with local witnesses / persons as may be available.

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**January 30, 2005** -

Leaving Bangkok by IC 732 at 14.25 hours

Arriving at Kolkata Airport at 15.25 hours

  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary



**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

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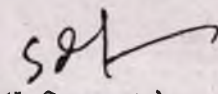
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Ministry of Home Affairs  
Government of India, North Block  
New Delhi-110001

Sub: Visit to Taipei

Sir,

In continuation of my d.o. letter no. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/369 dated 13.01.2005 sent by FAX yesterday, I am sending herewith a revised and curtailed programme of visit. Air fare (Business Class) will be Rs 62,705.00 (including Taxes of Rs 3050.00) per head. Hence the total air fare will be Rs 62,705 X 2 = Rs. 1,25,410.00. I am directed to request you to send by FAX necessary modified order of sanction to enable the Commission to draw money for air tickets, visas etc.

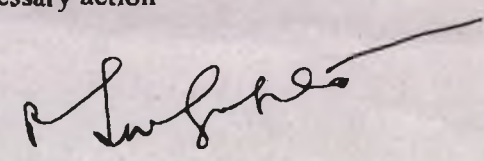
Yours faithfully,

  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary.

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January 14, 2005

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(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary.

*Message to concerned  
Ministry - saying  
not demand for MAX yet.*

*Message sent to  
ITA + E/L Bangalore.*

*19/1/05*

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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

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From **Shri P.K. Sengupta,**  
**Secretary**

**PROGRAMME OF VISIT OF THE COMMISSION TO BANGKOK AND TAIPEI****January 25 2005 -**

Leaving Kolkata for Bangkok by IC 731 at 09.30 hours

Arriving at Bangkok at 13.25 hours

Leaving Bangkok by GG 636 for Taipei at 18.15 hours

Arrival at Taipei at 22.45 hours

**January 26 and 27 2005 -**Halt at Taipei for official works, namely, visit to certain places, examination of such documents and records as may be available, etc**January 28, 2005 -**

Leaving Taipei for Bangkok at 09.00 hours by GG 637.

Arrival at Bangkok at 11.55 hours

Halt at Bangkok

**January 29, 2005 -**

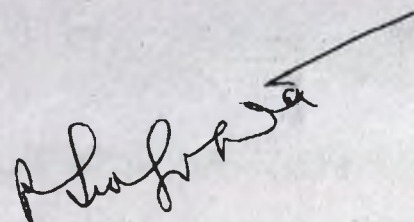
Official works at Bangkok, namely examination of / interaction with local witnesses / persons as may be available

Halt

**January 30, 2005 -**

Leaving Bangkok by IC 732 at 14.25 hours.

Arriving at Kolkata Airport at 15.25 hours.



(P K Sengupta)  
Secretary





**Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,**  
(Former Principal Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)  
Secretary

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January 14, 2005

D.O.No.JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)371

Dear *Mr. Ralte*,

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 13/1/05 and to say that the Commission wants to visit, among other places, the Offices/Archives of the Taipei City Government, Mayor of Taipei and the Ministry of Transport and Communications in order to verify the authenticity of two e-mails to Shri Anuj Dhar, a Journalist – one dated 12/3/2003 from the Mayor of Taipei and the other dated 5/8/2003 from Mr. Lin, Ling – San, Minister of M.O.T.C., Government of Taiwan. The Commission received a copy each of both the e-mails from Shri Anuj Dhar by e-mail and also a copy of the e-mail from the Hon'ble Mayor of Taipei by post from his office. To verify the authenticity of these two e-mails – one originating from the office of the Mayor of Taipei and the other from Mr. Lin, Ling – San, Hon'ble Minister, M.O.T.C. by looking into the originals of the said two e-mails and also the records on which the information furnished in the e-mails was based.

*With regards,*

Yours sincerely,

*P.K. Sengupta*  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

Mr. L.D.Ralte,  
Director (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110 001.

January 14, 2005

D.O.No.JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)371/1

Copy forwarded to  
Sri Umesh Kalra,  
Director (Security),  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Govt. of India, North Block,  
New Delhi-110001 - for information.

*No action*

*Sh. S.K.*





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D.O.No.JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70 (III)/369

January 13, 2005

Dear

I am directed to say that the Commission could not undertake its visit to Singapore, Taipei and other countries as the office order dated 6.1.05 of the Ministry of Home Affairs according sanction for the visit was received at a very late stage.

India Taipei Association and the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, have informed the Commission that it will not be possible for the ITA to make arrangements for the visit to Taipei in February 2005 because of the Chinese New Year. The Commission has also been informed by the Joint Secretary (CNV), MEA that visit of the Commission to Saigon could not be arranged before the last week of February 2005. As the term of the Commission is going to expire on 14.0.5.05 the Commission wants to visit Taipei within this month. The ITA and the MEA have informed that local authorities in Taipei have agreed to receive the JMCI team and facilitate its visit to the best of their ability on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

I am directed to say that the Commission wants to visit Taipei on January 26 and January 27, 2005 and for this it ~~propose to~~ wants to leave Kolkata by air on January 25, 2005. The Commission proposes to go to Taipei straight from Kolkata by air either via Singapore or via Bangkok depending on the availability of flights. The Commission may reconsider its proposed visit to Kuala Lumpur and Singapore in the context of this

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latest development. If so necessary, visit to Malaysia and Singapore may be delinked from the visit to Taipei for the present and the question of visiting Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Saigon may be considered at a later stage. The Commission, I am directed to say, gives utmost importance to visit to Taipei.

The revised programme indicating the dates of arrival and departure is being sent shortly. Necessary approval to the programme and sanction for expenditure may be accorded by suitably modifying the order dated 6.1.05 to enable the Commission to have sufficient time at its disposal to make necessary arrangements, namely, drawal of money to meet the expenditure in Taipei, drawal of cash allowance, obtaining visa etc.

A copy of the d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol. XIII dated 13.1.05 of Sri L. D. Ralte, Joint Secretary (CNV), MEA is enclosed.

Yours

  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

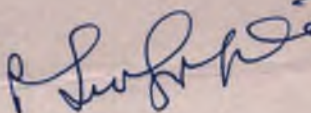
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Sri Umesh Kalra  
Director (Security Division)  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
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New Delhi 110 001

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No. JMCI/OVERSEAS-WITNESS/2000-01/70(III)/348

January 7, 2005

From : **Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)**  
Secretary.

To

Shri L.D. Raltery

Joint Secretary (CIV) (CIV),

Ministry of External Affairs

Government of India

South Block

New Delhi-110 001

Sub: Visit of the Commission to Taipei and some other places.

Ref : Your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 30/1/2004

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your above-quoted d.o. letter a copy of which was received by fax in the evening of 30/12/2004.

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/1 dated 5/01/2005 and its enclosures for information and necessary action.

Encl: 5 sheets

Yours faithfully.

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

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January 7, 2005

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Director, Security Division

Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block

New Delhi - for information and necessary action.

Encl: 5 sheets

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Secretary



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No. JMCI/OVERSEAS-WITNESS/20001-01/70(III)/1

January 5, 2005

From : **Shri P.K. Sengupta,**  
**Secretary.**

To

Shri T.D. Bhutia , Assistant Director

India Taipei Association, Taipei

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333, Keelung Road Section 1, Taipei, Taiwan

Ph: 886 -2 - 27576112/3, Fax: 886-2-2757611

Sub: Visit of the Commission to Taipei

Dear Sir,

I am to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No.Tai/Pol/1/2004 dated January 4, 2005, received by e-mail. I am directed to say that the Commission regrets the inconvenience caused to you by booking hotel accommodation in pursuance of the provisional programme of the Commission and subsequently cancelling the booking. I am attaching herewith a copy of my D.O. letter No.JMCI/Overseas-01/70(III)/341 dated January 4,2005 addressed to Shri L. D. Raltery, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with a copy endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs. From this letter you will be able to know the latest position with regard to the proposed tour of the Commission to Taipei and some other countries of Asia. As the matter stands now, there is no possibility of sticking to the provisional programme sent to the Government for approval. You will be informed of the final programme of the Commission after receipt of the approval of the Government.

However for convenience in drawing up a detailed programme during the days of visit of the Commission at Taipei, I am directed to furnish below all relevant information:-

- i) The places in Taipei the Commission wants to visit for the purpose of the inquiry:
  - a) Taihoku Airport, the site of an alleged crash of a Japanese plane allegedly carrying Subhas Chandra Bose and a few others on August 18,1945;
  - b) Nan Mon (Nam Mong) Military Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa, where Subhas Chandra Bose allegedly died as a result of the injuries allegedly sustained by him in the alleged plane crash on August 18,1945.
  - c) Municipal Crematorium, Taipei where the alleged dead body of Subhas Chandra Bose was allegedly cremated;
  - d) Bureau of Health and Hygiene, Taipei Municipal Office (the alleged Cremation Certificate regarding the alleged cremation of the alleged dead body of Subhas Chandra Bose allegedly issued by the Bureau of Health and Hygiene, Taipei);



- e) Hokuto Military Hospital (Col. Habibur Rahaman and some other alleged victims of the alleged plane crash were allegedly transferred to that hospital).

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- ii) The Commission wants to examine records and documents, if available, relating to the alleged air crash and the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose. In particular, the Commission wants to visit the office of the Hon'ble Mayor of Taipei, City Archives of Taipei and the office of the Minister of MOTC to examine records/documents, if available, relating to the alleged air crash and the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and also to verify the authenticity of certain information received through electronics media (e-mail). The Commission also wants to have access to the records/documents, if any, relating to the same matter in the ROC Foreign Ministry and Historica Sinica.
- iii) The witnesses proposed to be examined:

A list of the persons proposed to be examined in Taipei is attached herewith. Besides them, the Commission may also examine those persons who may come forward in response to the notice of the Commission already published in newspapers in Taipei.

I am directed to request you to kindly help the Commission by drawing up a programme so that the aforesaid purpose of the visit may be completed within 3 days.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary.

Encl: As above (Two)



**Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,**  
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D.O.No.JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/341

January 4, 2005

Dear

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I am directed to request you to refer to the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 30.12.2004 received by FAX at this end at about 5.30 p.m. on 30.12.2004 and to say that strangely enough the letter does not bear your signature or initial; nor does it appear to have been authenticated by a competent officer as true copy of the purported d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 30.12.2004. Be that as it may, I am directed to inform you that till now the requisite approval of the proposed visit and sanction or expenditure to be incurred for the visit have not been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

In this connection, I am to request you to kindly refer to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/291 dated 23.11.2004 addressed to Shri U.K. Kalra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, a copy of which was endorsed to you. This letter has also been referred to in the above quoted d.o. letter dated 30.12.2004. This letter was followed by JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/304 dated 02.12.2004 which was accompanied by the information sought for by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the prescribed proforma. Till now no reply or response has been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

You will definitely appreciate that until the requisite approval of the proposed tour to Taiwan and sanction for expenditure to be incurred for the tour are received from the Ministry of Home Affairs there is no question of furnishing further particulars in respect of the proposed tour to Taipei in addition to what has been already furnished to your Ministry and the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard (vide Commissioner letters nos. 89/426 dated 22.01.04 and no 70(III)/291 dated 23.11.2004 and no 83(III)/304 dated 02.12.2004). For the same reason specific information regarding the proposed tour has not yet been communicated to the India-Taipei Association. The Commission is of the opinion that exact dates of the proposed tour to Taiwan and specific information for a detailed programme cannot be furnished to the India-Taipei Association until and unless the tour is approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs. There is every likelihood of change in the dates of visit to Taipei for delay in receiving the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs.



I am further directed to say that India-Taipei Association has not yet asked for specific information for preparing a detailed programme and the last communication received from the India-Taipei Association by e-mail reads as follows :

"We have been informed that JMCI will be in Taipei from 13-17 January 2005. In anticipation of your visit we have already booked two rooms for the Commission at Grand Hyatt and Far Eastern Plaza Hotel. (booking at one of the hotel can be cancelled after you have made your choice)

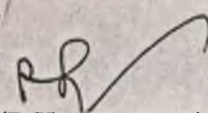
2. Since it would be difficult for us make arrangements for the visit on a short notice, especially hiring of an interpreter etc., you are requested to intimate us about the arrangements to be made urgently.

3. You are aware that you would be required to carry sufficient cash for making payments of all your bills in Taipei. Owing to the nature of this office we do not have any arrangement for debiting expenditures to offices in India."

It thus appears that India-Taipei Association has been making preparation anticipating that the proposed visit of the Commission to Taipei would be from January 13 to January 17, 2005. As the matter stands now, it is now well nigh impossible to stick to this provisional programme sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for approval.

However, the India-Taipei Association is being furnished with the necessary details of the proposed visit, viz., purpose of the visit, the places the Commission proposes to visit in Taipei, the records / documents it wants to have an access to and the persons proposed to be examined / interviewed.

Yours

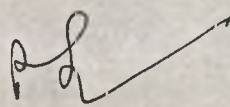
  
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Secretary

Mr. L.D. Ralte  
Director (CNV)  
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January 4, 2005

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(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary



Particulars as available from the plain typed copies of the depositions recorded by the Khosla Commission. (192)

1. Mr. Lai Min Yee - He was examined at Taipei on 13.7.73 and deposed that he was working in the PWD of Taipei City Government at that time. On August 18, 1945 he was in the Transport section of the Japanese army.
2. Mr. Tao Yung - Examined on July 13, 1973 at Taipei. No further particulars are available.
3. Mr. Lin Chun Chan - Examined on 13.7.73 at Taipei. He deposed that he was in the Japanese Intelligence Bureau in Moulmein where he was working in the confidential section.
4. Mr. Lu Kuo Hwa - Examined on 13.7.73 at Taipei. No further particulars are available.
5. Mr. Chang Chuen - He was examined on 13.7.73 and on that day he deposed that he owned a small electrical shop. He retired as an employee of the Taiwan Electric Co.
6. Mr. Lin Chuan - He deposed that in 1945 he was in the General Air Force Hospital No. 8. He claimed to be 46 years old on 13.7.73.
7. Mr. Kao Yun Tsung - He was examined on 14.7.73 and on that day he claimed to be 46 years old. He further stated that he was a mechanic working at Taipei International Airport. In 1945 he was a soldier in Unit no. 12807.
8. Mr. Way Yun Peng - He was examined on 14.7.73 and claimed he was 46 years old. He further deposed that he was working in the Airport Personnel Office for about 16 years.
9. Mr. Ling Chin Yen - He was examined on 16.7.73. On that day he deposed that he was 46 years old and Chairman of L.P.Gas. He was in the Japanese Military Police in 1944-45.
10. Mr. Ram Swarup - On 17.7.73 he deposed before the Khosla Commission that he was a Journalist and landlord of 167, Jorbagh, New Delhi. He further claimed to have his own news agency having input business with Taiwan. He deposed that he acted as Secretary to the First Indian Parliamentary Delegation which visited Taiwan on June 6, 1964.
11. Mr. Y.R.Tseng - He was examined on 17.7.73 and he deposed that he was 43 years old working in the Taipei City Govt. as an Engineer in the Survey and Architect Department.
12. Mr. Pritam Singh - He deposed on 17.7.73 that he was Managing Director and Partner of Harelila (Taiwan) Commercial Service Ltd. and Adviser to Metalware (Taiwan) Ltd.
13. Dr. Lin - He acted as the Liaison Officer when a team of Members of the Parliament of India visited Taipei sometime in 1966.





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HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA  
KUALA LUMPUR

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4 January 2005

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To: Foreign New Delhi  
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✓ Joint Secretary (CNV) from First Secretary (PIE) & HOC

Sub: **Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Malaysia**

Dear Joint Secretary,

In connection with the visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Malaysia, we had written to a prominent Malaysian Indian, Dato' G.S. Gill, who is brother of late Shri Amrik Singh Gill, who was a member of the Indian National Army in Malaysia. Dato' G.S. Gill would like to host a lunch for the 2-member team during their visit to Kuala Lumpur. This may please be communicated to the Commission and their consent be kindly conveyed to us.

With regards.

V. Mahalingam

(V. Mahalingam)

First Secretary (PIE) & HOC

You have  
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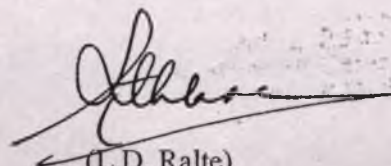
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This is to state that the Hon'ble Member of Parliament (LS),  
**Shri Subrata Bose**, resident of 15, North Avenue, New Delhi - 11 00 01, (Tel: 2309 3806), holder of Diplomatic Passport No. D - 1014414 issued on 10-06-2004, wishes to visit Taiwan along with the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for Inquiry into the alleged Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in January 2005.

He will deposit his Diplomatic Passport with CPV Division and apply for an Ordinary Passport along with the "Safe Custody" Certificate.

It is requested that the Hon'ble M.P. be issued a full validity passport as soon as possible on payment of usual fees.

  
(L.D. Ralte)  
JS (CNV &  
Chief Vigilance Officer  
17 January 2005

Regional Passport Officer

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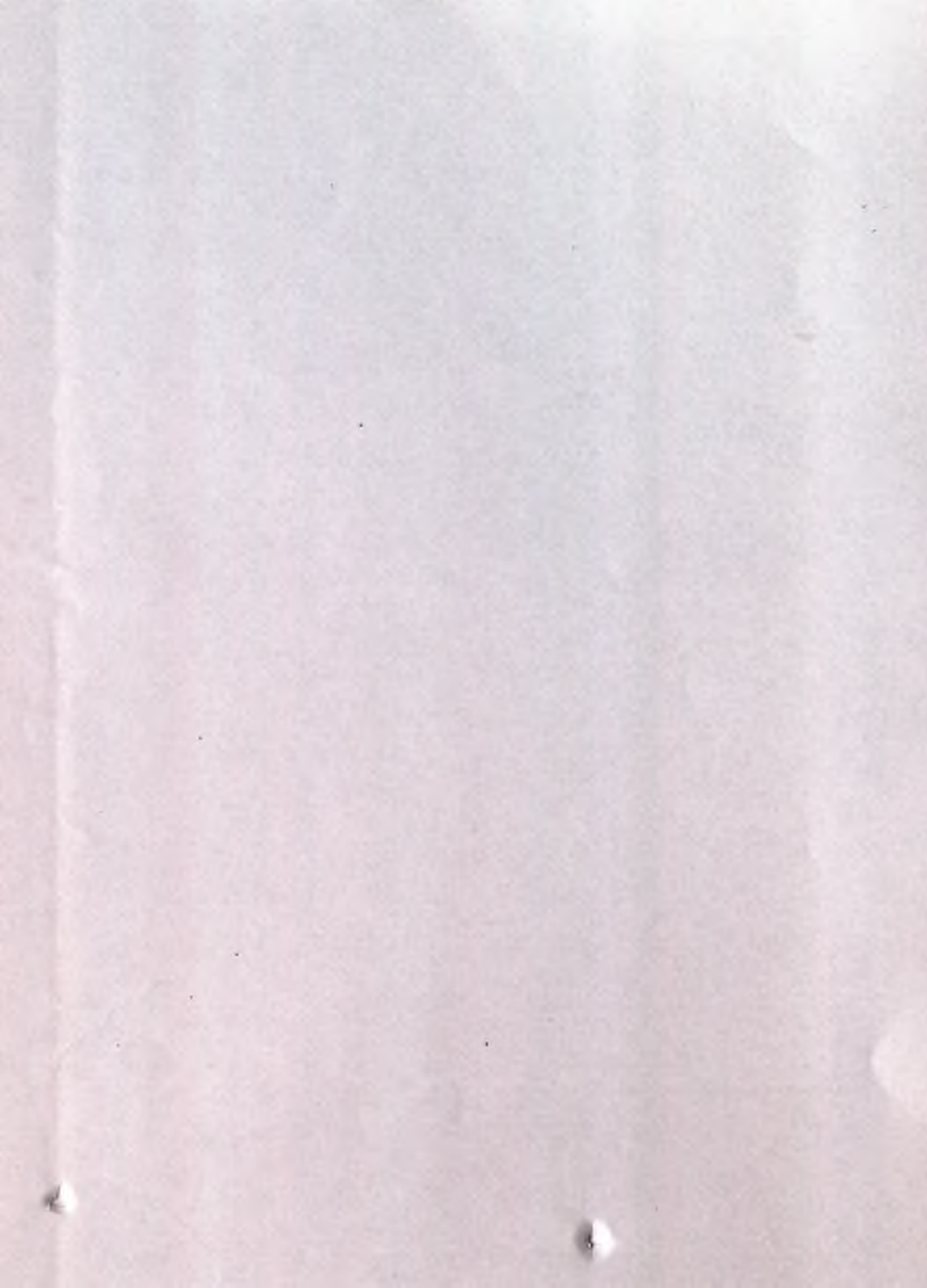
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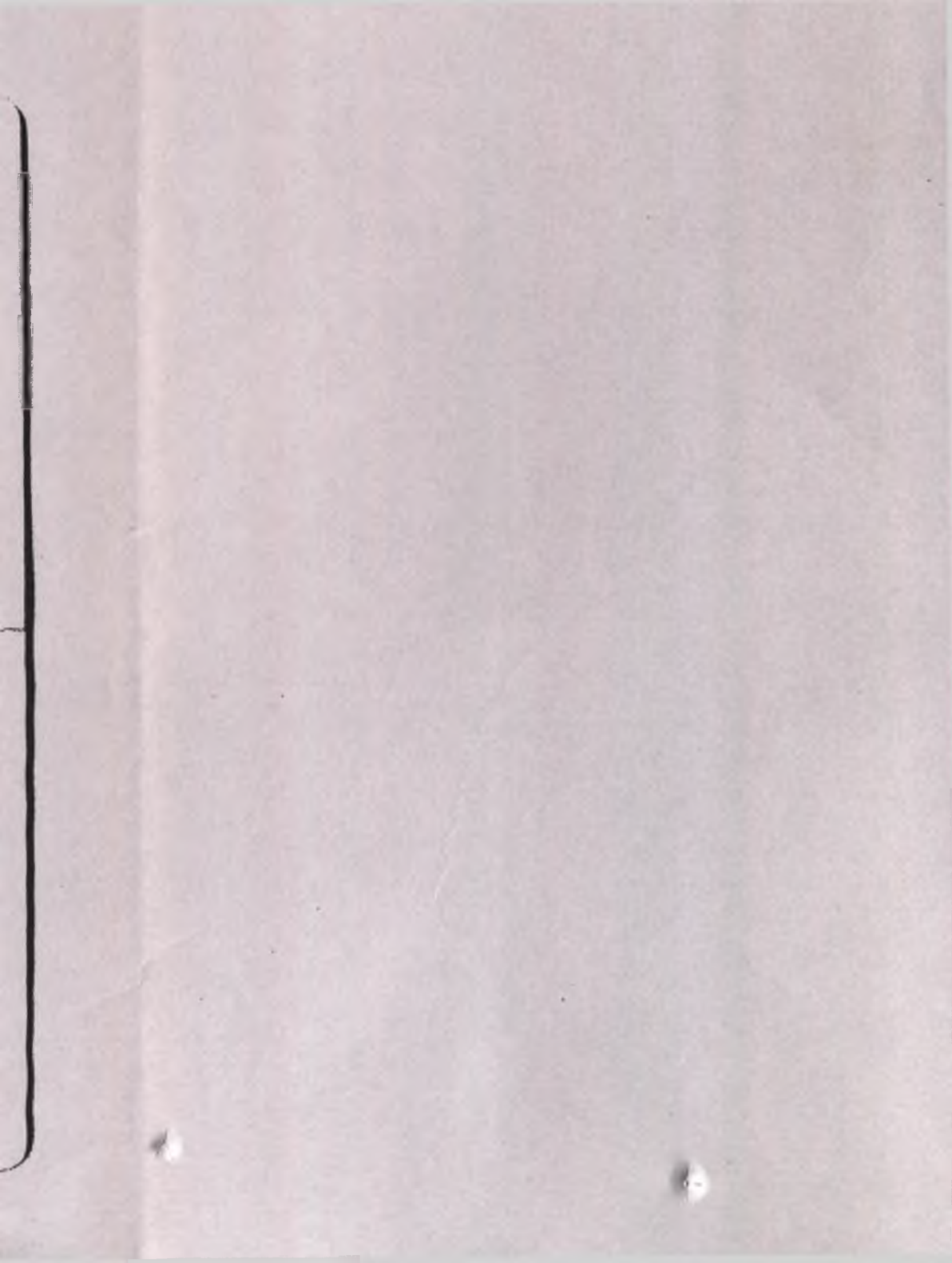
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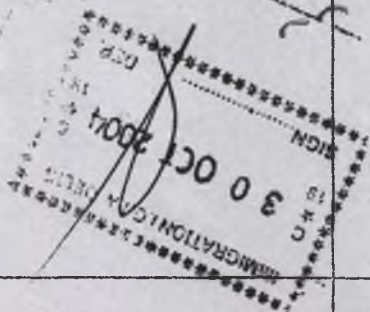






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पति या पत्नी का नाम (Name of Spouse)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
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**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

14 January 2005

Dear *Shri Mahalingam,*

Please refer to your letter no. KUA/P/163/91/03 dated 4 January 2005 regarding **Shri Dato G.S.Gill** (brother of deceased **Shri Amrik Singh Gill**-a member of the **INA**).

2. The JMCI has conveyed its consent to **Dato G.S.Gill's** proposal to host a lunch for the JMCI team members during its visit to Kuala Lumpur. Meanwhile, as informed earlier, the JMCI has had to postpone its tour programme. We shall inform you of the revised travel itinerary as soon as the same is finalised and conveyed by the JMCI.

*Warm regards and  
Best Wishes for New Year,*

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
(L.D.Ralte)

**Shri V.Mahalingam**  
**First Secretary (PIE),**  
**High Commission of India,**  
**Kuala Lumpur**

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Joint Secretary (CNV)

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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

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Yours sincerely,

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**Shri P.K.Sengupta**

Secretary,

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,

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[ Fax : 033-2252-2765 ]

**Copy for information to :-**

Shri Umesh Kalra, Director, NCB-II Section, Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, N.Delhi, w.r.t the aforementioned letter received from JMCI.

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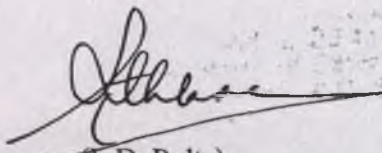
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This is to state that the Hon'ble Member of Parliament (LS),  
**Shri Subrata Bose**, resident of 15, North Avenue, New Delhi - 11 00 01, (Tel: 2309 3806), holder of Diplomatic Passport No. D - 1014414 issued on 10-06-2004, wishes to visit Taiwan along with the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for Inquiry into the alleged Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in January 2005.

He will deposit his Diplomatic Passport with CPV Division and apply for an Ordinary Passport along with the "Safe Custody" Certificate.

It is requested that the Hon'ble M.P. be issued a full validity passport as soon as possible on payment of usual fees.

  
(L.D. Ralte)  
JS (CNV &  
Chief Vigilance Officer  
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Tai/Pol/1/2004

January 11, 2005

 From: India Taipei Association, Taipei  
 To: JS(CNV), MEA

Dear Sir,

We have received a message from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry(JMCI) dated January 10, 2005 regarding their proposed visit to Taipei.

2. JMCI has informed that they propose to visit Taipei for two days(excluding journey time) between January 25,2005 and January 31, 2005. JMCI has also asked us to suggest the dates of their proposed visit during the last week of January 2005.

3. I have been directed by Director General, ITA to seek Ministry's instruction on the visit of JMCI and their request. Director General, Gokhale is presently out of station on official tour to Bangkok and will be back on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2005.

Regards,

(T.D. Bhutia )

Assistant Director

JMCI is aware of contents of attached msg. from Dh, ITA. They have said they are primarily interested in making a 'site' visit and are not too worried about 'interviews'.  
 We may, therefore, accept the change in dates of JMCI visit and inform ITA accordingly.  
 May kindly concur. S/11

JS(CNV) Jmca

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FAX MESSAGE / URGENT

No. Tai/Pol/1/2004

10 January 2005

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Dear Ralte,

Reference our telecon earlier today regarding probable visit by JMCI later this month to Taipei.

2. I would like to draw your attention to the correspondence with this office in the past two years. Based on information provided by JMCI, ITA has liaised with local authorities and provided the following information to you, which we presume is now available with the Commission:

**(A) Places of Visit related to the alleged aircraft crash / alleged demise**

(a) Taihoku Airport: It is now the domestic airport (Song Shan). Visit to the airport is feasible but requires government permission. The physical layout of this airport has changed over the years. Earlier enquiries by this office in 2002 indicated that nobody was aware of the precise site of the crash.

(b) Nam Mong Military Hospital: This site no longer exists. Earlier inquiries by this office indicated that its precise site was not identifiable.

(c) Municipal Crematorium: This building does not exist. The site is now a public park.

(d) Bureau of Health and Hygiene, Taipei Municipal Office, Taipei: Earlier inquiries by this office in 2002 with the Taipei Municipal authorities indicate that they are not aware that such an office had existed previously, and no records appear to be available.

(e) Hokutu Military Hospital: currently known as the National Force Bei Tou Military Hospital. Earlier inquiries made by this office indicated that all records prior to 1992 have already been destroyed.

(This information was communicated vide fax from ITA dated 9.9.2002)

**(B) Records and Documents in connection with alleged aircraft crash / alleged demise**

Our earlier inquiries with local authorities indicate that three original documents sought by JMCI - Record of Cremation Permits issued in August 1945, Application for Cremation Permit filed by Dr. Taneyashi Yashimi for alleged cremation of Bose / Ichiro Okiro, and



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original Death Certificate issued in the name of Bose / Ichiro Okiro are **NOT** available with Taiwanese authorities. Copies of documents that they have been able to trace were provided to ITA and forwarded to Ministry vide letter No. Tai/Pol/1/2004 dated 10 February 2004.

**(C) Alleged Witnesses related with alleged air crash / alleged demise**

Based on enquiries done by local authorities on the list of alleged witnesses earlier provided by JMCI, the local authorities had given feedback, indicating that none of them appear to be traceable. This information is available with Ministry vide this office's fax dated 20 August 2002 and letter No. Tai/Pol/1/2004 dated 10 May 2004. We are also aware that JMCI had placed advertisements in the newspapers on 19 March 2004 asking potential witnesses to come forward, and are not aware as to what response the JMCI has received as a result of those notices in the media.

We presume that this information has already been shared with the JMCI. Kindly ensure that the JMCI is again made aware of it prior to their proposed visit, so that they are fully aware of the efforts already made by local authorities in connection with this investigation based on information provided by JMCI. Local authorities have repeatedly emphasized that the island was under effective Japanese occupation during the dates of the alleged crash and alleged demise of Subhas Chandra Bose, and for some months thereafter, and that records may have been destroyed in the aftermath of World War II or taken by the Japanese colonial rulers to Japan.

We await further specific information from you regarding probable dates for this visit

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely

*Vijay Gokhale*

(Vijay Gokhale)  
Director General

Shri L.D.Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs





**Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,**  
(Former Principal Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)  
**Secretary**

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D.O.No.JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70 (III)/369

January 13, 2005

Dear

I am directed to say that the Commission could not undertake its visit to Singapore, Taipei and other countries as the office order dated 6.1.05 of the Ministry of Home Affairs according sanction for the visit was received at a very late stage.

India Taipei Association and the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, have informed the Commission that it will not be possible for the ITA to make arrangements for the visit to Taipei in February 2005 because of the Chinese New Year. The Commission has also been informed by the Joint Secretary (CNV), MEA that visit of the Commission to Saigon could not be arranged before the last week of February 2005. As the term of the Commission is going to expire on 14.0.5.05 the Commission wants to visit Taipei within this month. The ITA and the MEA have informed that local authorities in Taipei have agreed to receive the JMCI team and facilitate its visit to the best of their ability on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

I am directed to say that the Commission wants to visit Taipei on January 26 and January 27, 2005 and for this it propose to wants to leave Kolkata by air on January 25, 2005. The Commission proposes to go to Taipei straight from Kolkata by air either via Singapore or via Bangkok depending on the availability of flights. The Commission may reconsider its proposed visit to Kuala Lumpur and Singapore in the context of this

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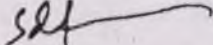


latest development. If so necessary, visit to Malaysia and Singapore may be delinked from the visit to Taipei for the present and the question of visiting Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Saigon may be considered at a later stage. The Commission, I am directed to say, gives utmost importance to visit to Taipei. (2/2)

The revised programme indicating the dates of arrival and departure is being sent shortly. Necessary approval to the programme and sanction for expenditure may be accorded by suitably modifying the order dated 6.1.05 to enable the Commission to have sufficient time at its disposal to make necessary arrangements, namely, drawal of money to meet the expenditure in Taipei, drawal of cash allowance, obtaining visa etc.

A copy of the d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol. XIII dated 13.1.05 of Sri L. D. Ralte, Joint Secretary (CNV), MEA is enclosed.

Yours

  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

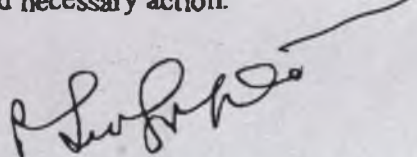
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Sri Umesh Kalra  
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January 13, 2005

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(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary



**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

**D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII**

**13 January 2005**

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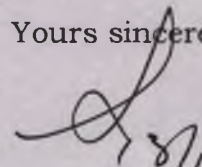
This is further to my letter of 12 January 2004, regarding the proposed visit of the JMCI Team to **Taipei**.

2. As the proposed site-visits and interactions with local agencies in Taipei required prior permission, the **ITA** had approached the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The feedback received from the **Foreign Ministry in Taipei** on various points, as conveyed by the **ITA**, are listed below:-

- (i) Some of the places indicated by JMCI no longer exist. They can arrange visits to some of the places that still exist.
- (ii) No records, beyond those already made available by them, have been located. [Copies of available documents obtained by **ITA** were forwarded to JMCI vide letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI, dated March 09, 2004]. They will permit JMCI to look at the originals of those documents. Their enquiries with other offices like the **Taipei City Government** and **Ministry of Transportation and Communications** have not unearthed any new documents.
- (iii) They can fix meetings for **JMCI** with the Taipei City Government and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, if the **JMCI** would like to visit these offices despite the absence of any records relating to the case.
- (iv) The local authorities have tentatively agreed to receive the JMCI team and facilitate it's visit, to the best of their abilities, on **26 and 27 January 2005**.

3. This Ministry would highly recommend that JMCI try their best to accept the above proposed dates. As informed earlier, please do note that **ITA** will not be able to incur any expenditure on behalf of the visiting JMCI team, which will have to carry necessary funds to take care of the likely expenses.

Yours sincerely,

  
(L.D. Ralte)

**Shri P.K.Sengupta**

Secretary,  
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**Copy for information to :-**

Shri Umesh Kalra, Director, NCB-II Section, Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs,  
North Block, N.Delhi, w.r.t the aforementioned letter received from JMCI.

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TAI/POL/1/2004

13 January 2005

Dear Ralte,

I refer to my earlier fax message of 10<sup>th</sup> January regarding the purposed visit by JMCI to Taipei in the last week of January. They have asked us to suggest two days for their proposed visit, during which they wish to visit several places connected with the air crash and several official agencies, which, in their opinion, may have records or documents about the air crash.

We will need to depend entirely upon the local authorities to help the JMCI. Several sites connected with the air crash no longer exist and others require prior permission to visit. Likewise proposed visits to official agencies require their prior concurrence.

We have therefore approached the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs to seek their assistance and cooperation during the purposed visit. They have informed us that:

1. Some of the places indicated by the JMCI no longer exist. They can arrange visits to some of the places which are still existing.
2. No records, beyond those already made available by them, have been located. (Copies of documents which they were able to locate were sent to MEA vid letter no. TAI/POL/1/2004 dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2004). They will permit JMCI to look at the originals of those documents. Their enquiries with other offices like the Taipei City Government and Ministry of Transportation and Communications, have not unearthed any new documents.
3. They can fix meetings for JMCI with the Taipei City Government and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, if the JMCI would like to visit these offices despite the absence of any records relating to the case.

The local authorities have tentatively agreed to receive the JMCI and facilitate their visit to the best of their abilities on 26 and 27 January.



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Please contact JMCI urgently. Kindly convey the information contained in our fax message of 10<sup>th</sup> January and in this message. Please ask the JMCI to urgently confirm dates of their visit, flight timings, hotel and transport requirements and any other additional arrangements that need to be made. Please also underscore to JMCI that this office can not repeat not make any payments on their behalf during this visit.

*Regards*

Yours sincerely,

*Vijay Gokhale*

Mr. L. D. Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi

Vijay Gokhale  
Director General





FAX

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI

L.D.Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

07 January 2005

Dear *Shri Sengupta,*

Please refer to our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated 18 October 2004 regarding feedback received from our Mission in Kuala Lumpur with regard to the JMCI team's visit. It was conveyed therein that the Mission, as part of its preparations for the visit, was trying to contact a prominent Malaysian-Indian **Shri Dato G.S.Gill** (brother of deceased **Shri Amrik Singh Gill**-a member of the **INA**).

2. Responding to the Mission's letter, **Shri Dato G.S.Gill** has indicated that he wishes to host a Lunch for the 2-member JMCI team during its visit to Kuala Lumpur. Kindly convey Commission's acceptance/consent by return fax, so that the Mission can be informed accordingly.

*With best regards,*

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
(L.D.Ralte)

✓ **Shri P.K.Sengupta**

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**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

07 January 2005

Dear *Ambassador,*

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 03 December 2004 regarding the request of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for assistance in accessing some documents said to be available in the archives of the Government of Vietnam.

2. The JMCI team wishes to access documents relating to Netaji during its forthcoming visit to Hanoi. We hope you would have already taken up the matter with the concerned authorities. Would appreciate if you could apprise us of the present status of the request.

*With best wishes for the New Year,*

Yours sincerely,

(L.D.Ralte)

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**Ambassador of India,**  
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**Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,**  
(Former Principal Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)  
**Secretary**

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
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D.O.No.JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/341

January 4, 2005

Dear

*Sri Ralle,*

I am directed to request you to refer to the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 30.12.2004 received by FAX at this end at about 5.30 p.m. on 30.12.2004 and to say that strangely enough the letter does not bear your signature or initial; nor does it appear to have been authenticated by a competent officer as true copy of the purported d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 30.12.2004. Be that as it may, I am directed to inform you that till now the requisite approval of the proposed visit and sanction or expenditure to be incurred for the visit have not been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

In this connection, I am to request you to kindly refer to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/291 dated 23.11.2004 addressed to Shri U.K. Kalra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, a copy of which was endorsed to you. This letter has also been referred to in the above quoted d.o. letter dated 30.12.2004. This letter was followed by JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/304 dated 02.12.2004 which was accompanied by the information sought for by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the prescribed proforma. Till now no reply or response has been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

You will definitely appreciate that until the requisite approval of the proposed tour to Taiwan and sanction for expenditure to be incurred for the tour are received from the Ministry of Home Affairs there is no question of furnishing further particulars in respect of the proposed tour to Taipei in addition to what has been already furnished to your Ministry and the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard (vide Commissioner letters nos. 89/426 dated 22.01.04 and no 70(III)/291 dated 23.11.2004 and no 83(III)/304 dated 02.12.2004). For the same reason specific information regarding the proposed tour has not yet been communicated to the India-Taipei Association. The Commission is of the opinion that exact dates of the proposed tour to Taiwan and specific information for a detailed programme cannot be furnished to the India-Taipei Association until and unless the tour is approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs. There is every likelihood of change in the dates of visit to Taipei for delay in receiving the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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I am further directed to say that India-Taipei Association has not yet asked for specific information for preparing a detailed programme and the last communication received from the India-Taipei Association by e-mail reads as follows :

"We have been informed that JMCI will be in Taipei from 13-17 January 2005. In anticipation of your visit we have already booked two rooms for the Commission at Grand Hyatt and Far Eastern Plaza Hotel. (booking at one of the hotel can be cancelled after you have made your choice)

2. Since it would be difficult for us make arrangements for the visit on a short notice, especially hiring of an interpreter etc., you are requested to intimate us about the arrangements to be made urgently.

3. You are aware that you would be required to carry sufficient cash for making payments of all your bills in Taipei. Owing to the nature of this office we do not have any arrangement for debiting expenditures to offices in India."

It thus appears that India-Taipei Association has been making preparation anticipating that the proposed visit of the Commission to Taipei would be from January 13 to January 17, 2005. As the matter stands now, it is now well nigh impossible to stick to this provisional programme sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for approval.

However, the India-Taipei Association is being furnished with the necessary details of the proposed visit, viz., purpose of the visit, the places the Commission proposes to visit in Taipei, the records / documents it wants to have an access to and the persons proposed to be examined / interviewed.

*Warm regards.*

Yours sincerely,

*P. K. Sengupta*

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

Mr. L.D. Ralte  
Director (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block, New Delhi 110 001

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January 4, 2005

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(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary



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**JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

**Proceedings dated December 9, 2004 ( 31<sup>st</sup> )**  
Held at Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,  
166, Chitta Ranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007

Order 1

December 09, 2004

In my order dated June 7, 2001 I had observed that necessary order regarding claim of privilege of the Government of India in respect of the documents listed in the affidavit dated November 29, 2000 of Sri Jarnail Singh, a Joint Secretary in the office of the Prime Minister, read with the supplementary affidavit dated January 16, 2001 of Sri Nand Kishore Singh, Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, and in the supplementary affidavit dated April 27, 2001 of Sri Kamal Pande, Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs would be passed after the Commission's visit to England to peruse relevant records in the British Libraries and examine certain persons in England. While making the above observation I had held that the documents pertaining to the identity of Mrs. Anita Puff, daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, were not relevant to the terms of reference and had accordingly directed that the same might be sent back.

After return from England it was felt by me that all relevant documents and files relating to the terms of reference as made available to the Commission from time to time by different agencies including Government of India are also required to be studied before deciding the claim of privilege. Now that such study is over, I proceed to pass the necessary order. To enable me to do so I have carefully gone through each of the documents in respect of which privilege has been claimed and correlated the same with other documents lying with us till date.

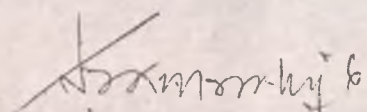
In view of the earlier order dated June 7, 2001 the documents in respect of which claim of privilege subsists deal with the following issues :-

- i) Controversy regarding Netaji's death;
- ii) Bringing the ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan to India;  
and
- iii) Posthumous announcement of Award of Bharat Ratna to Netaji.

The documents in question contain notes/minutes prepared by officers of the Ministries concerned, and notes for the Committees of Secretaries / Cabinet expressing their opinion and suggesting courses of action on basis of the materials available to them on the above issues. Since those materials are available to this Commission also – besides other materials – and since independent of the opinions / views expressed in the documents in question and without being in anyway influenced thereby this Commission has to form its own opinion, this Commission is of the view that the documents in question are neither necessary nor relevant for answering the terms of reference of this inquiry. Resultantly, the question whether the claim of privilege in respect thereof is justified or not need not be answered. With these observations the applications seeking



claim of privilege are disposed of. Let the above documents be segregated from other documents in the files examined and returned to the respective Ministries.

  
(Monoj Kumar Mukherjee)

Chairman

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## JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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Proceedings dated 09.12.2004 (31<sup>st</sup>) held at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007.

Order 2.

December 09, 2004

Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Advocate, representing the Government of India, Smt. Chandrayee Alam, Advocate, appearing for the deponents of JMCI/23 & 45, Shri Keshab Bhattacharyee, Advocate, appearing for the Deponents of JMCI/19 and Shri Rudrajyoti Bhattacharyee, Advocate, appearing for the deponent of JMCI/11 are present.

Eight witnesses were summoned for examination / further examination today of whom, five are present. They are : (1) Smt. Manwati Arya, (2) Shri J. K. Dutta, (3) Shri Kamal Dutta, (4) Shri Gorachand Dey, and (5) Shri Subrata Bose. First four of them have been examined as CWS 122, 123, 124 and 125 respectively. One newspaper clipping has been identified by the CW 123. Shri J. K. Dutta and marked as Exhibit 284. Shri Subrata Bose (CW. 72) has been further examined. Letters in five sheets of paper earlier marked collectively as Exhibits 276/1 series have been identified and proved by him. These are now numbered as Exhibits 276/1, 276/1(a), 276/1(b), 276/1(c) and 276/1(d). The affidavit filed by Shri Kamal Dutta (CW124) before this Commission and his signature thereon have been marked Exhibits 285 and 285/1 respectively.

Regarding service of summon upon the three absentee witnesses, it appears that there is no satisfactory proof of service of summons upon Shri Amar Singh (since retired) and Shri Dibyajyoti Base. Let these two witnesses be summoned again for their examination on the next date of hearing on January 07, 2005. Shri Amar Singh be also be directed to show cause why appropriate legal action should not be taken against him for his failure / refusal to appear before this Commission on October 15, 2004.

Dr. V. K. Kashyap, who was absent without any intimation on the last date of hearing on October 15, 2004 inspite of service of summons through his office, is also absent today without intimation inspite of similar service of fresh summons upon him. He has also not responded to the notice (served upon him along with the summons for appearance today) calling upon him to show cause why appropriate legal action should not be taken against him for his failure / refusal to appear before the Commission on the last date i.e., October 15, 2004. Since the evidence of Dr. Kashyap is material and since this Commission has reason to believe that he has, without lawful excuse, failed to attend in compliance with such summons, this Commission, in exercise of its powers under Section 4(a) of the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952 read with Order XVI Rule 10 (3) of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908, direct that a warrant of arrest with a bail of Rs. 500/- be issued for his appearance / production before this Commission on the next date of hearing which is fixed on January 07, 2005. He is also directed to show cause why a fine not exceeding Rs. 500/- should not be imposed upon him for his failure to appear on two successive occasions viz. 15.10.2004 and this day in accordance with Order XVI Rule 12 of the said Code. The Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, is directed to ensure execution of the warrant.



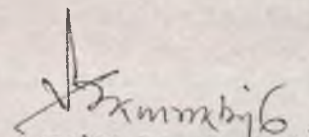
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Shri Satyabrata Tapadar, one of the deponents, has filed a supplementary affidavit on August 20, 2004 wherein he has, inter alia, asked this Commission to summon the persons named therein for examination by this Commission. As far back as on 20.01.2000 he had filed a statement supported by an affidavit in response to the public notice issued by the Commission and since then he has filed six supplementary affidavits. When Shri Tapadar, who is present today, is asked to justify the filing of the present one, he could not offer a valid reason. Apart from the fact that the affidavit is a very belated one, it does not contain any new or sufficient material to persuade this Commission to entertain the same and, for that matter, to examine any of the persons mentioned therein. The prayer is rejected. Let the affidavit be treated as filed.

All files and photo copies of files received officially in the ordinary course of official business and not already marked as Exhibits be marked as Exhibits dispensing with formal proof of those files and photo copies of files.

Let seven photographs along with the CD ROM of the photos received officially in due course of official business from Shri C. Rajsekhar, First Secretary, and Shri D. Armstrong Changsan, Second Secretary, both of the Indian Mission in Japan, and their forwarding letter no. Nil dt. November 12, 2002 signed by both of them and also the original d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dt. 23.09.2003 of Sm. Ruchi Ghanashyam, the then Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, received officially in due course of official business, be marked as Material Exhibits (Photographs) XXV, XXV(a) to (f) and XXVI (CD ROM) and Documents Exhibits 286 and 287 respectively, dispensing with formal proof of those eight photographs, the CD ROM and two letters.

Let a copy of the relevant portion of this Order be sent to Shri Rakesh, Joint Secretary (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for causing service on Dr. V. K. Kashyap for his compliance.

  
(M. K. Mukherjee)  
Chairman





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L.D.Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

07 January 2005

Dear *Shri Sengupta*,

This refers to correspondence regarding proposed visit of the JMCI Team to Taipei. We understand that you have informed the India Taipei Association (**ITA**) of the postponement of the visit from 13-17 January 2005 to a later date.

2. The **ITA** has indicated that they had received from you a long list of places that the team intends to visit and the witnesses it wishes to examine. It has already been pointed out that the witnesses who are proposed to be examined, are either deceased or are untraceable.

3. In the event of a revised travel programme being contemplated, the **ITA** has advised against the scheduling of the JMCI team's visit to Taipei in **February 2005**, in view of the ensuing **Chinese New Year** holidays. Normally at this time, no one is available in Taiwan, either before or after the long holidays. The **ITA** has also requested for being given at-least 2 months' notice for making the requisite arrangements for the visit. The revised dates of the visit as and when finalised may please be intimated to the **ITA** as well as this Ministry.

*With best regards,*

Yours sincerely,

*L.D.Ralte*  
(L.D.Ralte)

**Shri P.K.Sengupta**  
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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

**NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.**

'B' Block, (Third Floor)

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January 7, 2005

From **Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)**  
Secretary

To  
Shri L.D. Ralvey  
Joint Secretary (C&V)  
Ministry of External Affairs  
Government of India  
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Sub: Visit of the Commission to Taipei and some other places

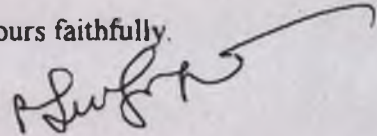
Ref: Your d.o. letter No 25/4/NGO-Vol XIII dated 30/1/2004

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your above-quoted d.o. letter a copy of which was received by fax in the evening of 30/12/2004.

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/1 dated 5/01/2005 and its enclosures for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

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January 7, 2005

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Ministry of Home Affairs  
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January 5, 2005

From **Shri P.K. Sengupta,**  
**Secretary**

To  
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India Taipei Association, Taipei  
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**Sub Visit of the Commission to Taipei**

Dear Sir,

I am to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No Tai/Pol/1/2004 dated January 4, 2005, received by e-mail. I am directed to say that the Commission regrets the inconvenience caused to you by booking hotel accommodation in pursuance of the provisional programme of the Commission and subsequently cancelling the booking. I am attaching herewith a copy of my D.O. letter No JMCI/Overseas-01/70(III)/341 dated January 4, 2005 addressed to Shri L. D. Ralvey, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with a copy endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs. From this letter you will be able to know the latest position with regard to the proposed tour of the Commission to Taipei and some other countries of Asia. As the matter stands now, there is no possibility of sticking to the provisional programme sent to the Government for approval. You will be informed of the final programme of the Commission after receipt of the approval of the Government.

However for convenience in drawing up a detailed programme during the days of visit of the Commission at Taipei, I am directed to furnish below all relevant information:-

- i) The places in Taipei the Commission wants to visit for the purpose of the inquiry
  - a) Taihoku Airport, the site of an alleged crash of a Japanese plane allegedly carrying Subhas Chandra Bose and a few others on August 18, 1945,
  - b) Nan Mon (Nam Mong) Military Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa, where Subhas Chandra Bose allegedly died as a result of the injuries allegedly sustained by him in the alleged plane crash on August 18, 1945
  - c) Municipal Crematorium, Taipei where the alleged dead body of Subhas Chandra Bose was allegedly cremated;
  - d) Bureau of Health and Hygiene, Taipei Municipal Office (the alleged Cremation Certificate regarding the alleged cremation of the alleged dead body of Subhas Chandra Bose allegedly issued by the Bureau of Health and Hygiene, Taipei),



c) Hokuto Military Hospital (Col Habibur Rahaman and some other alleged victims of the alleged plane crash were allegedly transferred to that hospital). 228

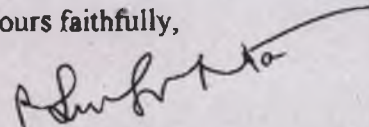
- ii) The Commission wants to examine records and documents, if available, relating to the alleged aircrash and the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose. In particular, the Commission wants to visit the office of the Hon'ble Mayor of Taipei, City Archives of Taipei and the office of the Minister of MOTC to examine records/documents, if available, relating to the alleged aircrash and the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and also to verify the authenticity of certain information received through electronics media (e-mail). The Commission also wants to have access to the records/documents, if any, relating to the same matter in the ROC Foreign Ministry and Historica Sinica.
- iii) The witnesses proposed to be examined:

A list of the persons proposed to be examined in Taipei is attached herewith. Besides them, the Commission may also examine those persons who may come forward in response to the notice of the Commission already published in newspapers in Taipei.

I am directed to request you to kindly help the Commission by drawing up a programme so that the aforesaid purpose of the visit may be completed within 3 days.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary.

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,  
(Former Principal Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)  
Secretary

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
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January 4, 2005

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I am directed to request you to refer to the d.o. letter No 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 30.12.2004 received by FAX at this end at about 5.30 p.m. on 30.12.2004 and to say that strangely enough the letter does not bear your signature or initial; nor does it appear to have been authenticated by a competent officer as true copy of the purported d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol XIII dated 30.12.2004. Be that as it may, I am directed to inform you that till now the requisite approval of the proposed visit and sanction or expenditure to be incurred for the visit have not been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

In this connection, I am to request you to kindly refer to the Commission's letter No JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/291 dated 23.11.2004 addressed to Shri U.K. Kalra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, a copy of which was endorsed to you. This letter has also been referred to in the above quoted d.o. letter dated 30.12.2004. This letter was followed by JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/304 dated 02.12.2004 which was accompanied by the information sought for by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the prescribed proforma. Till now no reply or response has been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

You will definitely appreciate that until the requisite approval of the proposed tour to Taiwan and sanction for expenditure to be incurred for the tour are received from the Ministry of Home Affairs there is no question of furnishing further particulars in respect of the proposed tour to Taipei in addition to what has been already furnished to your Ministry and the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard (vide Commissioner letters nos. 89/426 dated 22.01.04 and no 70(III)/291 dated 23.11.2004 and no 83(III)/304 dated 02.12.2004). For the same reason specific information regarding the proposed tour has not yet been communicated to the India-Taipei Association. The Commission is of the opinion that exact dates of the proposed tour to Taiwan and specific information for a detailed programme cannot be furnished to the India-Taipei Association until and unless the tour is approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs. There is every likelihood of change in the dates of visit to Taipei for delay in receiving the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs.



I am further directed to say that India-Taipei Association has not yet asked for specific information for preparing a detailed programme and the last communication received from the India-Taipei Association by e-mail reads as follows:

"We have been informed that JMCI will be in Taipei from 13-17 January 2005. In anticipation of your visit we have already booked two rooms for the Commission at Grand Hyatt and Far Eastern Plaza Hotel (booking at one of the hotel can be cancelled after you have made your choice)

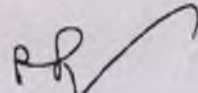
2. Since it would be difficult for us to make arrangements for the visit on a short notice, especially hiring of an interpreter etc., you are requested to intimate us about the arrangements to be made urgently.

3. You are aware that you would be required to carry sufficient cash for making payments of all your bills in Taipei. Owing to the nature of this office we do not have any arrangement for debiting expenditures to offices in India."

It thus appears that India-Taipei Association has been making preparation anticipating that the proposed visit of the Commission to Taipei would be from January 13 to January 17, 2005. As the matter stands now, it is now well nigh impossible to stick to this provisional programme sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for approval.

However, the India-Taipei Association is being furnished with the necessary details of the proposed visit, viz., purpose of the visit, the places the Commission proposes to visit in Taipei, the records / documents it wants to have an access to and the persons proposed to be examined / interviewed.

Yours

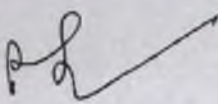
  
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Secretary

Mr. L. D. Ralte  
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Ministry of External Affairs,  
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South Block, New Delhi 110 001

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/341/1(1)

January 4, 2005

Copy forwarded to Shri U. K. Kalra, Director, Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi 110001 for information and necessary action.

  
(P. K. Sengupta)  
Secretary



WITNESSES IN TAIWAN.

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Information is available from the plain typed copies of the depositions recorded by the Khosla Commission.

1. Mr. Lai Min Yee - He was examined at Taipei on 13.7.73 and deposed that he was working in the PWD of Taipei City Government at that time. On August 18, 1945 he was in the Transport section of the Japanese army.
2. Mr. Tao Yung - Examined on July 13, 1973 at Taipei. No further particulars are available.
3. Mr. Lin Chun Chen - Examined on 13.7.73 at Taipei. He deposed that he was in the Japanese Intelligence Bureau in Moulemin where he was working in the confidential section.
4. Mr. Lu Kuo Hua - Examined on 13.7.73 at Taipei. No further particulars are available.
5. Mr. Chang Chuan - He was examined on 13.7.73 and on that day he deposed that he owned a small electrical shop. He retired as an employee of the Taiwan Electric Co.
6. Mr. Lin Chuan - He deposed that in 1945 he was in the General Air Force Hospital No. 8. He claimed to be 46 years old on 13.7.73.
7. Mr. Kao Yun Tsung - He was examined on 14.7.73 and on that day he claimed to be 46 years old. He further stated that he was a mechanic working at Taipei International Airport. In 1945 he was a soldier in Unit no. 12807.
8. Mr. Way Yun Peng - He was examined on 14.7.73 and claimed he was 46 years old. He further deposed that he was working in the Airport Personnel Office for about 16 years.
9. Mr. Liao Chin Yen - He was examined on 16.7.73. On that day he deposed that he was 46 years old and Chairman of L.F.Gas. He was in the Japanese Military Police in 1944-45.
10. Mr. Ram Swarup - On 17.7.73 he deposed before the Khosla Commission that he was a Journalist and landlord of 167, Jorbagh, New Delhi. He further claimed to have his own news agency having input business with Taiwan. He deposed that he acted as Secretary to the First Indian Parliamentary Delegation which visited Taiwan on June 6, 1964.
11. Mr. Y.R. Tseng - He was examined on 17.7.73 and he deposed that he was 43 years old working in the Taipei City Govt. as an Engineer in the Survey and Architect Department.
12. Mr. Pritam Singh - He deposed on 17.7.73 that he was Managing Director and Partner of Harelila (Taiwan) Commercial Service Ltd. and Adviser to Metalware (Taiwan) Ltd.
13. Dr. Lin - He acted as the Liaison Officer when a team of Members of the Parliament of India visited Taipei sometime in 1966.



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**Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Security Division  
NCB-II**

...  
New Delhi, dated 06.1.2005.

**OFFICE ORDER**

**Subject: Proposed visit of JMCI to Taipei (Taiwan), Singapore, Malaysia , Thailand and Vietnam to enquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.**

*To late, I believe.*

Sanction of the Competent Authority is hereby accorded in respect of Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee (Retd.) Chairman and Shri P.K. Sengupta Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to visit Taipei (Taiwan), Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Bangkok( Thailand) and Saigon(Vietnam) for the purpose of inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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2. The deputation will be from 11.1.2005 to 24.1.2005(including journey time). The period of deputation will be as on duty.

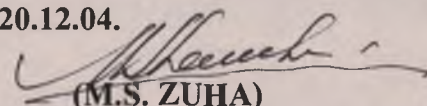
3. Chairman and Secretary Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry have been sanctioned the following during their tour abroad:-

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| a) | <b>Pay &amp; Allowances:</b>  | <b>The pay and allowances will be drawn as usual in Rupees in India.</b>   |
| b) | <b>Air fare (Tickets to be purchased by cash India directly)</b>            | <b>Chairman-First Class<br/>Secretary-club class</b>   |
| c) | <b>Airport Tax &amp; Visa fees:</b>   | <b>As per actual to each</b>   |
| d) | <b>Cash Allowances:</b>   | <b>US \$ 772.5 each.</b>   |
| e) | <b>Transport, Hotel &amp; interpreter etc.</b>                              | <b>to be arranged by Indian Embassy except Taipei(Taiwan) where expenditure on such arrangements has to be incurred by the Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission on actual basis.</b> |
| f) | <b>Contingencies @ Rs.200/- per day for 13 days subject to actual stay.</b> | <b>Rs.2600/- to Chairman only.</b>   |
- Sh. S. K.*



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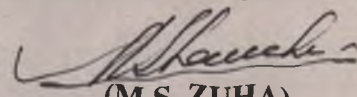
4. Other entitlements will be as laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M.No.19036/7/83-LE.IV dated 7.11.84 as amended from time to time.
5. Sanction is also accorded for drawal of advance of cash allowance as admissible to Chairman, Secretary, Commission of Inquiry.
6. The expenditure will be met from the sanctioned budget Grant of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry during the year 2004-2005.
7. Sanction order is issued with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance(Deptt. of Expenditure) vide their Dy. No.U.O. No.05/E.IV/05-DC, dated 6.1.05 and MHA's IFD Dy No.1813/Fin.I/04, dated 20.12.04.

  
(M.S. ZUHA)  
DESK OFFICER.

No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D-III)/NCB-II,

Dated the 06.1.2005

1. Accounts Officer, Regional Pay & Accounts Office(CISF,Ministry of Home Affairs,15/1,Chowringhee Square,4<sup>th</sup> Floor,Kolkata-700069
2. Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A,Mirza Ghalib Street , Kolkata-700087
3. Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary,Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B'Block (Third Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087.
- ✓ 4 Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs,
5. Cash-I /Cash-II Section, MHA, New Delhi.
6. Finance-I Desk, MHA, New Delhi.
7. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure(E-IV), North Block, New Delhi.
8. Embassy of India, Singapore.
9. Embassy of India, Kula Lumpur (Malaysia).
10. Embassy of India, Bankok(Thailand).
11. Embassy of India, Saigon (Vietnam).
12. Indian Taipei Association, Taipei 2010,TWTC, International Trade Building, Taipei, Taiwan.

  
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DESK OFFICER.





L.D.Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

12 January 2005

Dear *S. Sengupta*,

This is in continuation of correspondence resting with my letter dated 07 January 2004, regarding the proposed visit of the JMCI Team to Taipei.

2. In the context of the proposed ensuing visit, the India-Taipei Association (**ITA**) has again highlighted the results of its efforts to obtain information sought by JMCI after liaising with local Taiwanese authorities and agencies. **ITA** had identified several constraints and difficulties in pursuing investigations in Taiwan, in the context of the specific requirements spelt out by the JMCI. The details have already been conveyed to the Commission on different occasions in the past. However, the same is summarised again hereunder, for your information and record:-

**(A) Places of visit related to alleged aircrash/ alleged demise.**

- (a) **Taihoku Airport:** It is now the domestic airport (Song Shan). Visit to the airport is feasible but requires government permission. The physical layout of this airport has changed over the years. Earlier enquiries by **ITA** in 2002 indicated that nobody was aware of the precise site of the crash.
- (b) **The Nam Mong Military Hospital:** The site no longer exists.
- (c) The **Municipal Crematorium** building in Taipei where the body of Netaji was allegedly cremated does not exist anymore. The site is now a public park.
- (d) **Bureau of Health & Hygiene, Taipei Municipal Office, Taipei:** The Taipei Municipal authorities were not aware that such an office existed previously- No records appear to be available.
- (e) **Hokutu Military Hospital,** currently known as the National Force Bei Tou Military Hospital, has no records older than 1992. Inquiries indicated that all records prior to 1992 have already been destroyed.

**(B) Records and Documents in connection with alleged aircrash/ alleged demise**

**ITA's** inquiries with local authorities indicated that three original documents sought by the JMCI- (i) **Record of Cremation permits** issued in August 1945, (ii) **Application for Cremation Permit** filed by Dr. Taneyashi Yashimi for alleged cremation of Bose / Ichiro Okiro, and (iii) **Original Death Certificate** issued in the name of Bose/ Ichiro Okiro- are **NOT** available with Taiwanese authorities. [Details/





**(C) Alleged Witnesses related with alleged aircrash / alleged demise.**

It was conveyed that the Taiwanese authorities had not been able to locate the specific witnesses sought by the Commission. Based on their enquiries, the local authorities in Taipei had indicated that none of witnesses mentioned in the list provided by JMCI, appear to be traceable. It has been pointed out that the witnesses proposed to be examined are either deceased or are untraceable. It may also be mentioned that JMCI had placed advertisements in local Taiwanese newspapers in March 2004- requesting potential witnesses to come forward. JMCI would be aware of the response/ feedback.

3. Local authorities have repeatedly emphasized that the island was under effective Japanese occupation during the dates of the alleged crash and alleged demise of Subhas Chandra Bose, and for some months thereafter, and that records may have been destroyed in the aftermath of World War II or taken by the Japanese colonial rulers to Japan.

4. The above information is being reiterated so that the Commission is fully aware of the efforts already made by local authorities in Taipei to assist in the investigation.

Yours sincerely,

(L.D.Ralte)

**Shri P.K.Sengupta**

Secretary,

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,

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Kolkata 700 087

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**Copy for information to :-**

**Shri Umesh Kalra, Director, NCB-II Section, Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, N.Delhi, w.r.t the aforementioned letter received from JMCI.**

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FAX MESSAGE/URGENT

No. Tai/Pol/1/2004

10 January 2005

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Dear Ralte,

Reference our telecon earlier today regarding probable visit by JMCI later this month to Taipei.

2. I would like to draw your attention to the correspondence with this office in the past two years. Based on information provided by JMCI, ITA has liaised with local authorities and provided the following information to you, which we presume is now available with the Commission:

**(A) Places of Visit related to the alleged aircraft crash / alleged demise**

(a) Taihoku Airport: It is now the domestic airport (Song Shan). Visit to the airport is feasible but requires government permission. The physical layout of this airport has changed over the years. Earlier enquiries by this office in 2002 indicated that nobody was aware of the precise site of the crash

(b) Nam Mong Military Hospital: This site no longer exists. Earlier inquiries by this office indicated that its precise site was not identifiable.

(c) Municipal Crematorium: This building does not exist. The site is now a public park.

(d) Bureau of Health and Hygiene, Taipei Municipal Office, Taipei: Earlier inquiries by this office in 2002 with the Taipei Municipal authorities indicate that they are not aware that such an office had existed previously, and no records appear to be available.

(e) Hokutu Military Hospital: currently known as the National Force Bei Tou Military Hospital. Earlier inquiries made by this office indicated that all records prior to 1992 have already been destroyed.

(This information was communicated vide fax from ITA dated 9.9.2002)

**(B) Records and Documents in connection with alleged aircraft crash / alleged demise**

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original Death Certificate issued in the name of Bose / Ichiro Okiro are NOT available with Taiwanese authorities. Copies of documents that they have been able to trace were provided to ITA and forwarded to Ministry vide letter No. Tai/Pol/1/2004 dated 10 February 2004.

**(C) Alleged Witnesses related with alleged aircrash / alleged demise**

Based on enquiries done by local authorities on the list of alleged witnesses earlier provided by JMCI, the local authorities had given feedback, indicating that none of them appear to be traceable. This information is available with Ministry vide this office's fax dated 20 August 2002 and letter No. Tai/Pol/1/2004 dated 10 May 2004. We are also aware that JMCI had placed advertisements in the newspapers on 19 March 2004 asking potential witnesses to come forward, and are not aware as to what response the JMCI has received as a result of those notices in the media.

We presume that this information has already been shared with the JMCI. Kindly ensure that the JMCI is again made aware of it prior to their proposed visit, so that they are fully aware of the efforts already made by local authorities in connection with this investigation based on information provided by JMCI. Local authorities have repeatedly emphasized that the island was under effective Japanese occupation during the dates of the alleged crash and alleged demise of Subhas Chandra Bose, and for some months thereafter, and that records may have been destroyed in the aftermath of World War II or taken by the Japanese colonial rulers to Japan.

We await further specific information from you regarding probable dates for this visit.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely

*Vijay Gokhale*

(Vijay Gokhale)  
Director General

Shri L.D.Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs



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HOM from Joint Secretary (CNV)

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In continuation of our earlier messages this is to inform that the JMCI has had to postpone their tour programme due to unavoidable circumstances.

2. A fresh set of dates is being proposed between 26 January to 3 February 2005.

3. JMCI wishes to apologize for inconvenience caused to Missions. They will revert with exact dates for each location as soon as possible.

*With best regards*

  
(L.D. Ralte)

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सत्यमेव जयते

Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,  
(Former Principal Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)

Secretary

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
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Dear Mr. Ralle,  
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let me know your present ~~contact~~  
phone no. This is urgent.  
Regards,

yours sincerely,  
Pradyot

To  
Mr. R. D. Ralle,  
Jt-Secy. (CIV)  
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**Ravi Bangar**  
**Deputy High Commissioner**

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### Fax Message

Ref No		Date	10 <sup>th</sup> January 2005
To	Shri L.D. Ralte, JS(CNV) MEA, New Delhi	From	Ravi Bangar Deputy High Commissioner
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Please refer to your fax of 07 December 2004 regarding visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Singapore.

As per the itinerary enclosed with your above mentioned fax, the JMCI was to reach Singapore on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2005. We have not heard either from the Ministry or JMCI confirming the date of the visit while we have made accommodation, transport arrangements, etc. We have also not received detailed programme from JMCI/MEA as mentioned in your fax. I have seen reports in Indian media to the effect that JMCI Visit has been cleared by MHA and that the Commission would go on a two-week visit to this region beginning January 25.

I shall appreciate if confirmed Itinerary, delegation details, programme etc are sent to us quickly for making necessary arrangements.

*Regards,*

*Ravi Bangar*  
(Ravi Bangar)

P.S: We just spoke. I shall appreciate an urgent response.





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भारत का उच्चायोग  
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA  
KUALA LUMPUR

10 January 2005

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To: Foreign New Delhi  
(Fax: 00-91-11-23792285)

Joint Secretary (CNV) from First Secretary (PIE) & HOC

Sub: Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Malaysia

Dear Joint Secretary,

We have been informed vide your fax message dated 07 December 2004 that the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry will be visiting Kuala Lumpur on 12-13 January 2005. It was mentioned earlier that the visit is tentative. Grateful for urgent confirmation of their arrival on the above mentioned dates to facilitate us to firm up meetings, etc.

With warm regards,

Pl. all just  
and confirm.  
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Soucho

V. Mahalingam

(V. Mahalingam)  
First Secretary (PIE) & HOC





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**EMBASSY OF INDIA**  
**BANGKOK**

No. BAN/Pol/103/6/03

Dated 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2005

From	Ms. Manju, First Secretary (Pol), Indembassy Bangkok. (Tel. No. 00-66 2 2584491 – Fax No. 2584627/2621740)
To	Shri L.D. Ralte, JS(CNV), FND. (Fax : 23792285)
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Please refer to your fax No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 04 regarding the proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) team to Thailand and other countries in the region.

The provisional travel itinerary for the team's visit was faxed to us earlier. Grateful if the detailed final programme could be faxed urgently, so that necessary logistical arrangements could be made.

Regards,

*Manju*  
(Manju)



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**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

**D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII**

**07 January 2005**

Dear

This refers to correspondence regarding proposed visit of the JMCI Team to Taipei. We understand that you have informed the India Taipei Association (**ITA**) of the postponement of the visit from 13-17 January 2005 to a later date.

2. The **ITA** has indicated that they had received from you a long list of places that the team intends to visit and the witnesses it wishes to examine. It has already been pointed out that the witnesses who are proposed to be examined, are either deceased or are untraceable.

3. In the event of a revised travel programme being contemplated, the **ITA** has advised against the scheduling of the JMCI team's visit to Taipei in **February 2005**, in view of the ensuing **Chinese New Year** holidays. Normally at this time, no one is available in Taiwan, either before or after the long holidays. The **ITA** has also requested for being given at-least 2 months' notice for making the requisite arrangements for the visit. The revised dates of the visit as and when finalised may please be intimated to the **ITA** as well as this Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

*Sd/-*

(L.D.Ralte)

**Shri P.K.Sengupta**  
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Copy for information to :-

✓ Shri Umesh Kalra, Director, NCB-II Section, Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, N.Delhi, w.r.t the aforementioned letter received from JMCI.

*[Signature]*  
**L. D. RALTE**  
Joint Secretary (CNV) &  
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*Sd/-*



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No. Tai/Pol/1/2004

January 7, 2005

**FAX MESSAGE**

From: ITA, Taipei

To: JS (CNV)

Shri L.D. Ralte from Vijay Gokhale

This refers to the proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Taiwan.

2. We were informed by JMCI yesterday that their visit to Taiwan scheduled from 13-17 January 2005 has been postponed. Kindly let us know about the revised dates for their visit.

3. JMCI had given us a long list of places, they intend to visit and witnesses they wish to examine. The witnesses proposed to be examined are either deceased or untraceable as informed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here and conveyed to CNV Division earlier.

4. If JMCI is planning to visit in February 2005, please inform them that it would not be possible at all because of the long Chinese New Year holidays. People in Taiwan would not be available either before or after the long holidays for quite some time.

5. Please give us 2 months notice to make arrangements since we will need cooperation of local authorities to locate/visit alleged sites related to Netaji, many of which no longer remain in their original forms.

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*Source*  
(V.K. Gokhale)  
Director General



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**Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Section)**

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**SUBJECT: Request of Justice Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) for access to documents (relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) lying with the Government of Vietnam- Affidavit of Dr.T. Sareen and newspaper article published in "Telegraph" on 26.9.94.**

Reference MHA U.O note no. I/12014/13/2000-NCB-II dated 31.12.2004 on the above subject.

2. The Embassy of India in Hanoi (Vietnam) has already been apprised of the matter. The Mission has been advised to approach the Government of Vietnam to allow JMCI to access documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose that are said to be lying with them.

[ L.D.Ralte ]  
Joint Secretary (CNV)

**Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Umesh Kalra, Director (S), Security Division, NCB-II Section), North Block, New Delhi.**

**MEA U.O. no. 25/4/NGO-Vol XIII, dated 6 January 2004**

**Copy for information to :**

**Shri P.K.Sengupta**, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700087

[Fax:033-2252-2765] w.r.t letter no. JMCI/25/2000/297 dated 25.11.04.

[ L.D.Ralte ]  
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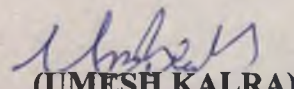
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**Subject:** Request for access to the relevant documents relating to Netaji lying with Govt. of Vietnam.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a communication dated 25.11.04 received from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry alongwith enclosures.

It is requested that the Indian Commission in Vietnam may kindly be advised suitably to take up the matter with the Govt. of Vietnam and request them to allow the Commission to have access to all the relevant documents relating to Netaji during the proposed visit of the Commission to Vietnam.

  
(UMESH KALRA)  
DIRECTOR(S) 037/1

Ministry of External Affairs, Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary (CNV), South Block, New Delhi

MHA U.O.No. No.I/12014/13/2000- NCB-II dated 31 .12.04

*Have we not already worked on this?*  
*14/10/05*  
*Shri. Sawant*



By Regd. Post with A/D.

**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**  
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF  
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No. JMCI/25/2000/297.

Kolkata, dated, **25.11.04.**

**From : Shri P.K. Sengupta**  
**Secretary**

**To : The Joint Secretary,**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs,**  
**Government of India,**  
**North Block,**  
**New Delhi - 110001.**

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of extracts of para 3 from the affidavit sworn and filed by Dr. Tilak Raj Sareen of New Delhi and a copy of the report titled, "Vietnam Archives hold Key to Netaji Flight" authored by Ms. Prabha Jagannathan which was published in the 'Telegraph', an English daily, on September 26, 1994, with the request to kindly take up the matter with the Government of Vietnam and request them to allow the Commission to have access to all the relevant documents relating to Netaji during the proposed visit of the Commission to Vietnam.

Enclosures : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

( P.K. Sengupta )  
Secretary

Received  
to day  
21/12/04.

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23/12/04

IS(V) P.K. Sengupta, Secy



# Vietnam archives hold key to Netaji flight

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INDIAN GOVERNMENT RELUCTANT TO PURSUE LEAD

26 SEP 1994

as well as in UK, Taiwan, China and Japan. But nothing transpired and the Indian government showed no interest in the centenary celebrations, either.

Without the Indian government's active interest and support, Mr Chitta Basu stresses, there is no way of getting authentic information on what happened at that point of time in Indian history and the Freedom Movement.

Supreme Court verdict: Meanwhile, Netaji scholars and academicians in Calcutta are eagerly awaiting the Supreme Court verdict on the award of the Bharat Ratna to the Netaji, posthumously, by the Indian government.

The verdict, which is due at end October, is related to the contest of the award, both in the Calcutta High Court, and later, at the Supreme Court, as "fallacious, since the Netaji's demise has not been factually proved."

It is expected to restart the decades-old controversy on the Netaji's mysterious flight.

The government, which was asked by the Supreme Court to provide any evidence it may have on the issue, declined, arguing that all such information was classified.

Efforts are on to get the material declassified.

Some evidence suggest that he did stop over at Saigon. Others claim it's just a smokescreen."

Mr Chitta Basu, however, personally met former INA members in Thailand and Singapore who confirmed that the Netaji did stopover in Saigon in 1945.

Netaji Centenary: Now involved in efforts to get the Rao government interested in a nationwide centenary celebrations of Netaji next year, Mr Basu, in 1990, presented both the Indian ambassador as well as senior government officials in Moscow with all the documents on Netaji. "I requested senior party officials to help in retrieving all material on Netaji by accessing their wartime archives. They agreed, but the Indian government did not pursue the matter," he said.

When Mr Rao became Prime Minister, Mr Chitta Basu met both Mr Rao and the human resource development minister, Mr Arjun Singh, besides the Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR) officials on the issue.

He also wrote to "friendly governments" in Southeast Asia

ment interested in retrieving all archival material related to the 50-year-old mystery of Netaji's disappearance in 1945, said, "There are a lot of theories about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's last flight in 1945. In 1943 (Octo-



ber 21), Netaji made Singapore his headquarters for declaring independence of Azad Hind from the British and opposition to the Allied forces. He met and discussed strategy with many leaders in the Southeast Asian region before he was flown on a Japanese plane in 1945 to Formosa.

Ho Chi Minh City, Sept. 25: The city of Saigon may even today hold the key to a crucial missing piece of Indian history related to the disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose during World War II. Ironically, though, the Indian government seems reluctant to pursue this lead.

The government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has access to certain pictorial and documentary material on Netaji's last flight — during which he made a sojourn in Saigon city on his way to Taipei (Formosa) and Tokyo in Japan — before his final disappearance, according to the authorities.

"There is accessible material here on Netaji's stay in Saigon in 1945, when a large part of Indo-China was under Japanese domination. However, the Indian government is reluctant to pursue this lead, which is likely to help us unearth some exceedingly interesting material on Netaji's disappearance since it will reopen the entire issue," said a highly placed source,

However, Indian embassy officials, who admit the existence of "some material" including newspaper clippings related to the

event, dismiss this, saying, "The last thing we want is to embroil ourselves in another controversy over Netaji. Any talk of this is likely to get blown out of proportion immediately in India."

While some of this material was acquired by the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in the post re-unification period from the authorities at the Majestic Hotel, where Netaji was put up by the Japanese government, material on Netaji is also believed to have been accessed by the government here while collecting archival material on both the World War II and the Vietnam War period.

Located along the Saigon river, the Majestic Hotel, once considered the city's most elegant and prestigious.

Netaji is also believed to have met the Vietnam Cong Sai (Vietnam Communist party) chief and father of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh, as well as the Burmese leader, Bamo, as part of his war-time strategy to garner support for the INA and Azad Hind Fauj.

The Forward Bloc MP, Mr Chitta Basu, who has for years been trying to get the Indian govern-

made a sojourn in Saigon city on his way to Taipei (Formosa) and Tokyo before his final disappearance.



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issue and also especially the report prepared by an American intelligence officer, under General Douglas MacArthur, on the death of Netaji.

3. Calcutta's leading English newspaper, 'The Telegraph' published a report from its correspondent in Saigon, Prasha Jagannathan, on 26 September 1994, in which she mentioned that 'there is accessible material here on Netaji's stay at Saigon in 1945, when large parts of Indo - China was under Japanese domination. However, the Indian Government is reluctant to pursue this lead, which is likely to help unearth some extremely interesting material on Netaji's disappearance'. She added: "The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has access to certain pictorial and documentary material of Netaji's last flight during which he made a sojourn in Saigon city on his way to Taipei (Formosa) and Tokyo before his final disappearance".

I feel that the Commission should request the Government of Vietnam to place all the material pertaining to Netaji at the Commission's disposal.

4. Nearly fifty five years after the reported air crash



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Government of India, have not been declassified. For instance, the reports prepared by Messrs Finney and Davies, who were sent to the Far East to trace Netaji after the News of the aircrash was known, are not yet available for administrative examination. They were accompanied by two Indian Police Officers, H.K. Ray and K.P. Das, who might have submitted their own reports to the Intelligence Bureau. The Government of India should be urged to make all these reports available for close scrutiny.

T. R. Green



ATTESTED

Secretary, Public, Delhi

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**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

**D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII**

**07 January 2005**

Dear

Please refer to our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated 18 October 2004 regarding feedback received from our Mission in Kuala Lumpur with regard to the JMCI team's visit. It was conveyed therein that the Mission, as part of its preparations for the visit, was trying to contact a prominent Malaysian-Indian **Shri Dato G.S.Gill** (brother of deceased **Shri Amrik Singh Gill**-a member of the **INA**).

2. Responding to the Mission's letter, **Shri Dato G.S.Gill** has indicated that he wishes to host a Lunch for the 2-member JMCI team during its visit to Kuala Lumpur. Kindly convey Commission's acceptance/consent by return fax, so that the Mission can be informed accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

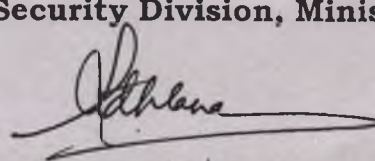
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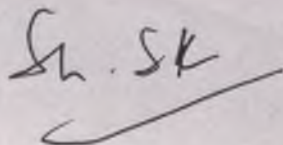
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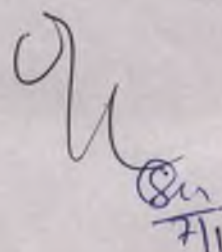
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4 January 2005

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Joint Secretary (CNV) from First Secretary (PIE) & HOC

Sub: **Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Malaysia**

Dear Joint Secretary,

In connection with the visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Malaysia, we had written to a prominent Malaysian Indian, Dato' G.S. Gill, who is brother of late Shri Amrik Singh Gill, who was a member of the Indian National Army in Malaysia. Dato' G.S. Gill would like to host a lunch for the 2-member team during their visit to Kuala Lumpur. This may please be communicated to the Commission and their consent be kindly conveyed to us.

With regards.

V. Mahalingam

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NEW DELHI

**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

07 January 2005

Dear *Ambassador,*

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 03 December 2004 regarding the request of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for assistance in accessing some documents said to be available in the archives of the Government of Vietnam.

2. The JMCI team wishes to access documents relating to Netaji during its forthcoming visit to Hanoi. We hope you would have already taken up the matter with the concerned authorities. Would appreciate if you could apprise us of the present status of the request.

*With best wishes for the New Year,*

Yours sincerely,

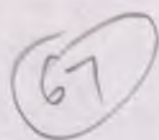
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**Ambassador of India,**  
**Hanoi**  
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December 20, 2004

Dear Mr. Hastings,

I refer to your letter of March 13, 2003 in the context of investigations being conducted by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) appointed by the Government of India to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and thank you for your valuable suggestions that enabled us to get some of the documents sought by the Commission.

The JMCI has now brought to our notice reference of a letter dealing with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose sent on May 23, 1946 by Mr. Donovan of the American Consulate in Bombay to the then US Home Secretary. The letter apparently followed approaches made by an undisclosed person to Donovan at Bombay earlier in May 1946 expressing concerns over Netaji being alive.

The Inquiry Commission has also brought to our notice references to two declassified files (nos. **XL38761** and **XL47621**) regarding the death of Subhas Bose in 1946 and these files are reportedly preserved in the National Archives of Washington DC.

We shall be grateful if a copy of the two files as well as that of the letter dated May 23, 1946 from Mr. Donovan to the US Home Secretary could be provided to us at the earliest to facilitate the conduct of inquiry or you could guide us where the said papers could possibly be located.

Yours sincerely,

(D.N. Srivastava)

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Director  
Textual Archives Services Division  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001.

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Copy to Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary (CNV), w.r.t. his D.O. No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2004. It may be stated that the enclosures received with the D.O. were only two pages in English – both having page nos. 6.

Regards,

*Devendra*  
(D.N. Srivastava)



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Tai/Pol/1/2004

January 4, 2005

From: India Taipei Association, Taipei  
To: Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, JMCI, Kolkata ( 33 2252 2765)  
Rpt: JS(CNV), MEA

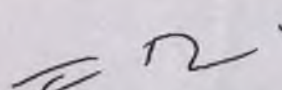
Dear Sir,

Please refer to my e-mail message of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2004 informing you of the hotel bookings made by us in connection with the proposed visit of JMCI to Taipei from 13-17 January 2005.

2. I am directed to say that we have not received any intimation from JMCI or other sources about their programme or confirmation of their travel plans to Taipei. Consequently, the hotel bookings made for JMCI is being cancelled today to avoid payment of penalty by the office, in case the visit does not materialize.

Regards,

*This is what I will hinted at.*

  
(T.D. Bhutia )  
Assistant Director

*5/1/05*

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,  
(Former Principal Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)  
Secretary

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of  
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D.O.No JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/341

January 4, 2005

Dear

Sri Ralle,

I am directed to request you to refer to the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 30.12.2004 received by FAX at this end at about 5.30 p.m. on 30.12.2004 and to say that strangely enough the letter does not bear your signature or initial, nor does it appear to have been authenticated by a competent officer as true copy of the purported d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 30.12.2004. Be that as it may, I am directed to inform you that till now the requisite approval of the proposed visit and sanction or expenditure to be incurred for the visit have not been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

In this connection, I am to request you to kindly refer to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/291 dated 23.11.2004 addressed to Shri U.K. Kalra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, a copy of which was endorsed to you. This letter has also been referred to in the above quoted d.o. letter dated 30.12.2004. This letter was followed by JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/304 dated 02.12.2004 which was accompanied by the information sought for by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the prescribed proforma. Till now no reply or response has been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

You will definitely appreciate that until the requisite approval of the proposed tour to Taiwan and sanction for expenditure to be incurred for the tour are received from the Ministry of Home Affairs there is no question of furnishing further particulars in respect of the proposed tour to Taipei in addition to what has been already furnished to your Ministry and the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard (vide Commissioner letters nos. 89/426 dated 22.01.04 and no. 70(III)/291 dated 23.11.2004 and no. 83(III)/304 dated 02.12.2004). For the same reason specific information regarding the proposed tour has not yet been communicated to the India-Taipei Association. The Commission is of the opinion that exact dates of the proposed tour to Taiwan and specific information for a detailed programme cannot be furnished to the India-Taipei Association until and unless the tour is approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs. There is every likelihood of change in the dates of visit to Taipei for delay in receiving the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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I am further directed to say that India-Taipei Association has not yet asked for specific information for preparing a detailed programme and the last communication received from the India-Taipei Association by e-mail reads as follows

"We have been informed that JMCI will be in Taipei from 13-17 January 2005. In anticipation of your visit we have already booked two rooms for the Commission at Grand Hyatt and Far Eastern Plaza Hotel (booking at one of the hotel can be cancelled after you have made your choice)

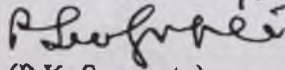
2. Since it would be difficult for us make arrangements for the visit on a short notice, especially hiring of an interpreter etc., you are requested to intimate us about the arrangements to be made urgently

3. You are aware that you would be required to carry sufficient cash for making payments of all your bills in Taipei. Owing to the nature of this office we do not have any arrangement for debiting expenditures to offices in India."

It thus appears that India-Taipei Association has been making preparation anticipating that the proposed visit of the Commission to Taipei would be from January 13 to January 17, 2005. As the matter stands now, it is now well nigh impossible to stick to this provisional programme sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for approval.

However, the India-Taipei Association is being furnished with the necessary details of the proposed visit, viz., purpose of the visit, the places the Commission proposes to visit in Taipei, the records / documents it wants to have an access to and the persons proposed to be examined / interviewed.

Warm regards.

Yours Sincerely,  
  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

Mr. L.D. Ralte  
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January 4, 2005

Copy forwarded to Shri U.K. Kalra, Director, Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi 110001 for information and necessary action

(P.K. Sengupta)  
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**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

**D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII****30 December 2004**

Dear

This is in continuation of your letters no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/219 dated 27 September 2004 and JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/70 (III)/291 dated 23 November 2004 and our letters No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated 12 October 2004 and 18 October 2004 regarding proposed visit of the JMCI Team to Singapore, **Taipei**, Saigon, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur. You had informed through your latest communication that the JMCI team would be travelling to these places from January 11 to 24, 2004, as per revised programme.

2. The revised dates of the visit have been conveyed to the respective Missions including ITA, Taipei. The ITA has informed that they had sought from you, details of the team's detailed programme in Taipei, but have not heard from you so far. They have also indicated that it would be difficult to make arrangements for the visit, if it materializes now, given the fact JMCI has not yet conveyed specific information about the places that the team intends to visit or about the people it wishes to interview.

3. We would request you to provide the requisite information directly to the ITA and periodically update it of the detailed programme under intimation to us.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-  
(L.D.Ralte)

Shri P.K.Sengupta  
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L.D.Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

30 December 2004

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16 December, 2004

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To: Foreign New Delhi  
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With regards,

*V. Mahalingam*

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First Secretary (PIE) & HOC

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No. BAN/Pol/103/6/03

Dated 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2004

From	Ms. Manju, First Secretary (Pol), Indembassy Bangkok. (Tel. No. 00-66 2 2584491 – Fax No. 2584627/2621740)
To	Shri L.D. Ralte, JS(CNV), FND. (Fax : 23792285)
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Mr. H.B. Kapasi, who had responded to the public notice in this regard, has confirmed that he would be in Bangkok during 22-24 January 2005.

Regards,

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*sahar*  
*28/12*

*Manju*  
(Manju)

*Sh. SK*



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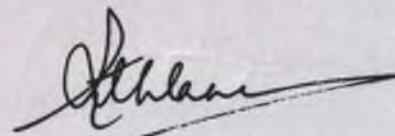
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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF THE JUSTICE  
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11 JANUARY TO 24 JANUARY 2005.**

Reference MHA U.O note no. I/1200146/2001-  
IS(D.III) Pt.IV dated 21.12.2004 on the above subject.

2. This Ministry has no objection from the political angle to the proposed visit of the JMCI team to Taiwan and the following countries, viz. Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam from 11-24 January 2005.



**L.D. Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)**

**Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Umesh Kalra, Director (S),  
Security Division, NCB-II Section), North Block, New Delhi.  
MEA U.O. no. 25/4/NGO-Vol XIII, dtd 30 December 2004**

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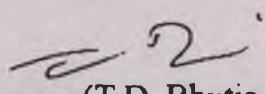
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Regards,

  
(T.D. Bhutia )  
Assistant Director

Have you not sent -  
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14 Dec 04

Sir,

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Regards.

(G V Srinivas)

Shri L D. Ralte,  
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Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

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Signature  
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Copy for information to :-

**Shri Umesh Kalra, Director, NCB-II Section, Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, N.Delhi, w.r.t the aforementioned letter received from JMCI.**

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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**  
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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(IV)/314(74)

December 16, 2004

From :  
Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)  
Officer on Special Duty

Under Certificate of Posting

To

All Deponents

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Commission will hold its next sitting on 07.01.2005 starting at 11.00 AM at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, when the Commission is likely to examine / further examine the witnesses as named below :-

1. Dr. V. K. Kashyap,
2. Shri Amar Singh,
3. Shri Dibyajyoti Basu, and
4. Shri Madhusudan Pal

Besides transacting other business, the Commission will start hearing arguments. As agreed upon on the last date of hearing, the Learned Advocate, Smt. C. Alam, appearing for the deponents, Shri Paras Dutta (Affidavit / 23 / 2000) and Dr. Purabi Roy (Affidavit / 45 / 2000), will argue first.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)  
Officer on Special Duty

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Copy forwarded to :

1. Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Learned Senior Counsel, Government of India,  
33, Asoke Avenue, Kolkata 700040.
2. Ms. Abha (Datta) Roy, Learned Counsel for the Govt. of West Bengal;  
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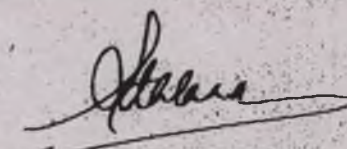
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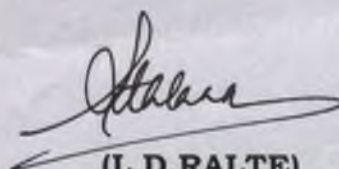
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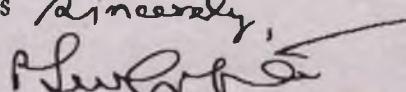
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Warm regards,

Yours

Sincerely,  
  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

Encls As stated above.

Mr L.D Ralte  
Director (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block, New Delhi 110 001

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## EPU/Research Form 1

The processing of your application is subject to you submitting a fully completed application form with all the required documents.

## APPLICATION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN MALAYSIA

The Director General,  
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Federal Government Administrative Centre,  
62502 Putrajaya,  
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## II. SPONSORSHIP

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[Please attach the relevant documents from the sponsoring agency.]

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Yours

*Sincerely,*

*P.K. Sengupta*

(P.K. Sengupta)

Secretary

Encls. As stated above.

Mr L.D.Ralle  
Director (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block, New Delhi 110 001

*Maya Sengupta*  
*Sengupta*

*For Issue*

*[Signature]*



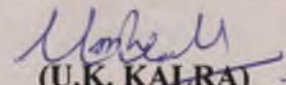
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**Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
(NCB-II Section)**

**Subject:-**Proposed visit of JMCI to Taipei(Taiwan), Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam to enquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose- Political clearance.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's UO of even number dated 21.12.2004 on the subject noted above.

It is requested that the political clearance in respect of Jusitce M. K. Mukherjee, Chairman, JMCI and Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, JMCI may kindly be expedited by the return FAX.

  
(U.K. KALRA)  
DIRECTOR(S)

**Ministry of External Affairs, Shri L.D. Ralte, JS(CNV), South Block, New Delhi.**  
MHA, UO No. I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III) Pt.IV, dated 30.12.2004.

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21.12.04.

(48) Ministry of Home Affairs  
Security Division  
NCB-II  
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**Subject:** Proposed visit of JMCI to Taipei (Taiwan), Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam to enquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose – Political clearance.

The undersigned is directed to state that the following are visiting Japan w.e.f 11.1.2005 to 24.1.2005 including journey time.

- (a) Justice M.K. Kukherjee, J.M.C.I  
Chairman
- (b) Shri P.K. Sengupta, -do-  
Secretary

The tentative programme of the proposed visit from 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2005 to 24<sup>th</sup> Jan are as follows:-

Places	Date	Flt.No.	Dep/Arv
Calcutta-Singapore	11 Jan	SQ 415	2150/0425
Singapore-KulaLumpur	12, Jan	SQ 106	0830/0925
KulaLumpur - Taipei	13 Jan	MH 068	1500/2145
Taipei-Saigon	17 Jan	CI 685	1345/1620
Saigon-Singapo	20Jan	SQ 171	1210/1510
Singapore-Bangkok	22 Jan	IC 856	1145/1245
Bangkok-Calcutta	24 Jan	IC 732	1410/1510

3. The expenditure on the visit of Hon'ble Chairman and Secretary of the Commission will be borne by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry out of funds allocated to it.

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4. It is requested that political clearance for the visit of Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, JMCI and Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, JMCI may be accorded and communicated to this Ministry urgently.

  
(UMESH KALRA)

DIRECTOR(S)

Ministry of External Affairs, Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary (CNV), South Block,  
New Delhi

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MHA U.O.No. No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III) Pt.(IV) dated 21.12.04



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(CNV DIVISION)  
NEW DELHI

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16 December 2004

FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI

TO : HICOMIND KUALA LUMPUR

FS (PIE) & HOC FROM JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)

PLS REFER YR LETTER NO. KUA/P/163/01/03 DATED 29 OCTOBER 2004, CONFIRMING RECEIPT OF MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT'S PERMISSION FOR JMCI TEAM TO ACCESS ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS DURING IT'S VISIT TO KUALA LUMPUR IN JANUARY 2005.

2. THE PRESCRIBED FORMS DULY FILLED-IN, IN RESPECT OF THE TWO TEAM MEMBERS, ALONGWITH COPIES OF THEIR PASSPORT PAGES, HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM KOLKATA BY FAX TODAY. THESE ARE BEING RE-FAXED TO YOU. CLEARER COPIES OF THE FORMS (IN ORIGINAL) IF AS AND WHEN RECEIVED BY POST, SHALL BE FORWARDED TO YOU BY BAG.

Sd/-

(L.D.RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)

NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII  
dated 16 December 2004

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ALONGWITH AFOREMENTIONED ENCLOSURES

*Warm regards*

*[Signature]*  
(L.D.RALTE)

JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)

✓ Encl: Original forms.

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**(L.D.RALTE)  
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

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**Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,**  
(Former Principal Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)

**Secretary**

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of  
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Appointed by the Govt. of  
India, Ministry of Home Affairs  
'B' Block (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

☎ : 033-2252-2835, 2765/68

Fax : 033-2252-2765

e-mail :

[jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in](mailto:jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in)

D.O.No.JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/313

December 16, 2004

Dear *Li Ralte,*

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 regarding access to the documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

As requested by you, I am sending herewith duly filled in Application Forms sent by you along with passport size photos and copies of passport pages of the Hon'ble Chairman and myself for taking necessary action at your end.

*Warm regards,*

Yours *Sincerely,*  
*P.K. Sengupta*  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

Encls: As stated above.

Mr. L.D.Ralte  
Director (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block, New Delhi 110 001

*Handwritten notes:*  
*original forms sent by P.K. Sengupta*  
*Sh. Sh.*



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## EPU/Research Form 1

The processing of your application is subject to you submitting a fully completed application form with all the required documents.

## APPLICATION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN MALAYSIA

The Director General,  
Economic Planning Unit,  
Block B5 & B6,  
Federal Government Administrative Centre,  
62502 Putrajaya,  
Malaysia



## 1. PERSONAL DATA

1. Name (capital letters):  
MR JUSTICE (RETIRED) MONOJ KUMAR MUKHERJEE
2. Gender: MALE
3. Occupation: CHAIRMAN, JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY FOR  
INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF NATAJI SUBHAS CHANDRABOSE
4. Official designation/position: CHAIRMAN
5. Employer: GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
6. Address of employer: MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,  
NEW DELHI - 110001
7. Tel. number: (033) 2252-2835, 2252-2765 (033) 2252-2768
8. Fax number: (033) 2252-2765
9. E-mail: jmc.invest@vsnl.net.in



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10. Home address: G.D. <sup>100</sup> GALT LAKE, SECTOR III, KOLKATA-700016

11. City/State Code: KOLKATA / 700016

12. Nationality at Birth: INDIAN

13. Date &amp; Place of Birth: 01.12.1933 BARANAGAR, WEST BENGAL

14. Current Nationality: INDIAN

15. Passport Number: E. 66 66 297 Date &amp; place of issue: 05-04-2004 KOLKATA

Expiry Date: 19-11-2008

16. Marital Status: MARRIED

## II SPONSORSHIP

1. Name of sponsoring agency.

(Please attach the relevant documents from the sponsoring agency.)

2. Amount: NOT APPLICABLE (N/A)

## III PAST EDUCATION

N/A

Level of Academic Qualification	Education: Institution & location	Period of Study	Major Field of Study
Blast Degree			
Post Graduate			
Others			



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## IV. RESEARCH INFORMATION

1. Are you candidate for a degree Yes: [ ] No: [ ]

N/A

2. If "YES"

i. Degree: .....

ii. Field of Study: NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE AND INDIAN NATIONAL  
ARMY (INA)

iii. Institution: .....

iv. Commencement date: .....

v. Completion date: .....

vi. Supervisor's name: .....

3. Title of Research (Please attach research proposal with details of objectives, methodology, definition of concepts, locations of research, duration and research schedule).

4. Field of study.

NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE AND  
INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY

5. Referral Agencies.

6. Duration of Research in Malaysia:

THREE DAYS



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Question 7 &amp; 8 Refer To Foreign Researchers Only

7. Details of previous research conducted in Malaysia.

N/A

Title of Research	Year Undertaken	Publication	Date Submitted to Malaysian Government

8. Details of previous visit(s) to Malaysia and nature of visit(s):

N/A

Date(s)	Nature of Visit(s)



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## VI. MALAYSIAN COUNTERPART (applicable to foreign researchers only)

(Please enclose the letter of consent from your Malaysian counterpart together with his/her identification card)

1. Name: N/A

2. Address:

3. Research will result in:

- (i) Thesis/Dissertation [ ]
- (ii) Report [ ]
- (iii) Publication [ ]
- (iv) Others (Please specify) [ ]

## VI. ENTRY VISA

- (1) Indicate Malaysian Embassy/High Commission/Consular Office from which you would like to collect your entry visa should your research be approved.

N/A



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## DECLARATION/AGREEMENT BY APPLICANT

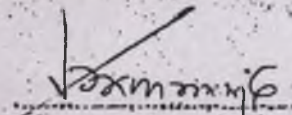
I declare that the details and information provided in this form are true and accurate.

I, hereby agree:

- (i) To personally return the research pass and a copy of a preliminary report on the research undertaken to JPU before departure from Malaysia;
- (ii) To submit at no cost to the EPU three copies of my dissertation, final report or publication as well as in diskette form;
- (iii) To refrain from publishing any information prejudicial to the integrity and national interest of Malaysia.
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RESEARCHERS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESEARCH PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE BARRED FROM UNDERTAKING ANY SUBSEQUENT RESEARCH IN MALAYSIA.

Date: 16.12.04

  
Signature of Applicant

## IMPORTANT

## Checklist Before Submission Of Application

- ☒ The Completed Form (Signed, dated and photograph affixed);
- ☐ Research Proposal; N/A
- ☐ An Official Letter From Funding/Sponsoring Agency (with amount of funding stated); N/A
- ☐ A Letter Of Support From Malaysian Counterpart; N/A
- ☒ A Photostat Copy of Passport; and
- ☐ A Letter to Effect Payment.



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Dr. J. C. A. N.

॥ श्रीगणेशाय नमः ॥  
 ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय ॥  
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 कुरुक्षेत्रे समवेता युयुतसो वीरा मया  
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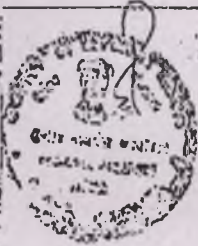
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or Regional Passport Officer

कोलकाता / Kolkata

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Block B5 & B6,  
Federal Government Administrative Centre,  
62502 Putrajaya,  
Malaysia.



## 7. PERSONAL DATA

1. Name (capital letters): PRADYOT KUMAR SENGUPTA
2. Gender: MALE
3. Occupation: SECRETARY, JUSTICE, MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE
4. Official designation/position: SECRETARY
5. Employer: GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS)
6. Address of employer: MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI - 110001
7. Tel. number: (033) 2252 - 2767
8. Fax number: (033) 2252 - 2765
9. E-mail: pradyot(a)ecp.govt.in



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10. City/State Code: 1B-134, SALT LAKE CITY, SECTOR III, KOLKATA - 70009111. City/State Code: KOLKATA, 70009112. Nationality at Birth: INDIAN13. Date & Place of Birth: 20.02.1938 & RANGPUR, BANGLADESH14. Current Nationality: INDIAN15. Passport Number: E.1067708 Date & place of issue: 08-03-2002 & KOLKATAExpiry Date: 07-03-201216. Marital Status: MARRIED

## II. SPONSORSHIP

1. Name of sponsoring agency.

(Please attach the relevant documents from the sponsoring agency.)

2. Amount: NOT APPLICABLE (N/A)

## III. HIGHER EDUCATION

N/A

Level of Academic Qualification	Education: Institution & location	Period of Study	Major Field of Study
First Degree			
Post Graduate			
Other			



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1. Are you a holder of a degree. Yes: [ ] No: [ ]

NOT APPLICABLE (N/A)

2. If "YES"

i. Degree:

ii. Field of Study: NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE AND INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY (INA)

iii. Institution:

iv. Commencement date:

v. Completion date:

vi. Supervisor's name:

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NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE AND INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY

5. Referral Agencies:

6. Duration of Research in Malaysia:

THREE DAYS



FAX NO. : 091 033 252 2765

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FROM : JMC1

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1. List of research publications (Publications Only)

2. List of research work completed in Malaysia.

N/A

Title of Research	Year Undertaken	Publication	Date Submitted to Malaysian Government

3. Details of previous visit(s) to Malaysia and nature of visit(s):

N/A

Date(s)	Nature of Visit(s)



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90V. **LETTER OF CONFIRMATION** (applicable to foreign researchers only)

(Please attach the letter of confirm from your Malaysian counterpart together with his/her confirmation of visit).

1. Name..... N/A .....2. Address.....  
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- (iii) Publication [ ☐ ]
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VI. **ENTRY VISA**

- (1) Indicate Malaysian Embassy/High Commission/Consular Office from which you would like to collect your entry visa should your research be approved.

N/A



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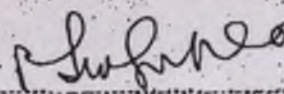
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Date

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Signature of Applicant



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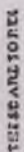
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पंजी पुराना	SENGUPTA	
पंजी का नाम (Given Names)	PRADYOT KUMAR	
पंजी का राष्ट्रियता	पंजी का लिंग	पंजी का दिनांक / Date of Birth
INDIAN	M	20.02.1938
पंजी का स्थान / Place of Birth	Kumbar Banglekh	
पंजी का देश का नाम / Place of Issue	Kolkata	
पंजी का दिनांक / Date of Issue	पंजी का दिनांक / Date of Expiry	
08.03.2002	07.03.2012	



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1. The passport is the property of the Government of India. Any communication received by holder from the passport authority regarding this passport, including demands for the surrender, should be complied with immediately.

2. Passport should not be sent out of any country by post. It should be in the custody of the holder or of a person authorized by the holder. It must not be altered or mutilated in any way.

3. Loss or theft or destruction of passport should be immediately reported to the nearest passport authority in India. If the holder is abroad, it should be reported to the nearest Indian consulate or to the local police. Only after exhaustive enquiries shall a replacement passport be issued.

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REGISTRATION

INDIAN CITIZENS RESIDENT ABROAD ARE ADVISED TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AT THE NEAREST INDIAN CONSULATE/POST.

Full name (including surname) of Father/Legal Guardian

Narendra Mohan Sengupta

Name of Mother

Sudha Sengupta

Name of Spouse

Aruna Sengupta

Address

IB-134, Salt Lake

IB, Block Sector III

Kolkata 700106

Place of birth (Country, State, District, City/Town/Village) and Date and Place of Issue

Please see page 3B

Passport No.

B002206/02



3650/JS(CNR)/an

23.11.04

**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

**NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.**

'B' Block, (Third Floor)

11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

**Phone:**

Chairman - 2252-2835

Secretary - 2252-2767

Officer on

Special Duty - 2252-2765

Office - 2252-2766/38

Fax : 033-2252-2765

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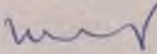
From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)  
Officer on Special Duty

- To :
1. The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
  2. The Secretary,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
  3. The Secretary,  
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,  
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.
  4. The Director,  
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,  
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith copies of the Commission's Status Report as on 11.10.2004 and its proceedings dated 15.10.2004 for favour of taking necessary action at your end (in respect of such of the matters as may be applicable to your Ministry/Department/Office).

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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1. Xerox copies of the proceedings dated 08.09.2004 and 09.09.2004 and of the Status Report as on 02.09.2004 have been sent to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for their information and favour of taking necessary action at their ends (in respect of such of the matters therein as may be applicable to them).
2. A notice has been sent to each of the deponents and other authorities concerned regarding the next hearing of the Commission which is scheduled to be held on 15.10.2004 at 11.00 O'clock in the forenoon at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007 and five witnesses have been summoned for their examination/further examination during the said hearing.
3. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in their statement containing parawise comments on the Commission's Status Report for June, 2004 sent with their d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated August 18, 2004 have stated that they have not received any response from the Indian Mission concerned regarding an official paper bearing No.5190 which is an extract of a note of discussion between Lord Wavell, the then Secretary of State and R. Arthur Henderson held on August 27, 1945 as collected from the U.K. in course of the visit of the Commission to London and that the Mission has been reminded by the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter. Further development is still awaited.
4. (a) In Secretary's d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/197 dated September 3, 2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been stated, inter alia, that the d.o. letter dated September 8, 2004 of the Director (CNV) is silent about Commission's proposed visit to Omsk, Paddosk, and Irkhutsk; that the Indian Mission in Moscow is reportedly still awaiting confirmation from the Russian Foreign Office regarding the request of the Commission for access to the archives in Russia and that their confirmation regarding the meeting of the Commission with the Scholars in St. Petersburg is also reportedly awaited from the Indian Mission there. It has also been stated in the said d.o. letter of the Secretary of the Commission : "As our past experience shows Ministry of Home Affairs take about three weeks or more to communicate approval of tour abroad and sanction for incurring expenditure. .... The deponents also need time to get Visa for visit to Moscow and other places in Russian Federation". There has been no further development regarding the visit of the Commission to Russian Federation before the onset of bitter winter season in Russia.  
  
(b) In the context of the uncertainty regarding the time of the proposed visit of the Commission to the Russian Federation, the Secretary of the Commission, in his d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/219 dated September 27, 2004 addressed to the Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, with a copy endorsed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has communicated a tentative programme of the Commission for its visit to Singapore, Taipei, Thailand, Saigon, and Kualampur in course of a single tour during the period from November 15 or 16 to November 30, 2004 with the



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request for according necessary Government sanction and communication of the same to the Commission as expeditiously as possible. The response of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is awaited. In the meantime the Secretary of the Commission has approached Mr. T.D. Bhutia, Assistant Director, India-Taipei Association, through e-mail and has collected from him the information regarding daily flights in the Bangkok-Taipei-Bangkok Sector, Hotel charges, transportation charges, fee for Interpreter, etc.

5. The attention of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been drawn to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70(II)/188 dated 05.08.2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary, (CNV), wherein the latter was requested to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars/students of Post Graduate class available in the USA indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of relevant historical documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, free of remuneration for academic interest or for the love and respect for Netaji. In the statement forwarded by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India with their d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated August 18, 2004, it has been stated, inter alia : "Our Mission in Washington has been requested to depute an Officer to look at the documents". In Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/191 dated 02.09.2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been stated, inter alia : "It may not be presumed that some specific documents have been offered by the American side which might be perused by an Officer to be deputed by the Indian Mission in Washington as it appears to have been stated" (in the statement of the Ministry of External Affairs at page 2 against para 4(c)(iv) of the said statement regarding the Commission's Status Report for June, 2004). It has also been stated in the said letter dated 02.09.2004 of the Commission: "What is needed is research work to find out whether there are relevant documents in the archival records in the USA". Further development in the matter is still awaited.

6. There has been little breakthrough as yet in the vital matter of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose allegedly kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan notwithstanding close persuasion of the matter during the last two years by the Commission with the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the direct approach by the Commission to various organizations of India and abroad having expertise in DNA testing. Formal consent of the Chief Priest of Renkoji temple to allow taking of samples of the said mortal remains for DNA test as solicited in Commission's letter dated 28.06.2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is yet to be conveyed.

7. The Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has again been requested to take effective steps so that the File No.10/22/CM-68 is sent to the Commission without any further delay. He has also been requested that if the contents of the said file are still classified as Secret, the competent authority should be moved so that the file may be made available to the Commission at least for the perusal of the Hon'ble Chairman as has been done earlier in the case of more than one file in respect of which privilege has been claimed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (vide d.o. letter no. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/106 dated July 12, 2004 of the

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Secretary addressed to the Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India). The response of the Ministry is still awaited. (38)

8. With Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(IV)/166 dated 25.08.2004 a fresh list of 18 files (apparently found to be relevant) available with the Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, on Micro-films has been sent to the Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, with the request to get those files ready for inspection by the Commission under intimation to it. On getting clearance from the I.B. Shri P.N. Chakravarty, Sr. Research Officer of the Commission, has been advised to proceed to New Delhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2004 to examine Micro-films of those files of the Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, under intimation to the Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Shri Chakraborty, Sr. Research Officer has accordingly visited the office of the Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, and examined Micro-films of those files made available to him. Further action will be taken on perusal of the report of Shri Chakraborty.
9. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/Admn/99-2000/32(II)/200 dated September 17, 2004 addressed to Shri U.K. Kalra, Director (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, a report has been sent in reply to his letter No. 11012/61/2004-NCB-II dated September 9, 2004 indicating, inter alia, the extent of work done by the Commission, the work remaining to be done by the Commission, and the formidable considerations/constraints which stand in the way of the Commission to project a fixed time frame for completion of its inquiry.
10. The Ambassador of India, Almaty has informed the Commission by his letter No. ALM/Pol/560/1/2002 dated September 17, 2004 in reply to Commission's letter dated April 28, 2003 addressed to the Chairman, Committee for Control over Archives and Documentation, Kazakhstan that there is no information related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Archives of various cities of Kazakhstan.
11. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/228 dated September 28, 2004, the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been furnished with a xerox copy of an article titled, "Netaji Your Criminal, Nehru wrote to Attlee" authored by Shri Samit Dutta, a retired Director of the C.B.I., and published in the Dainik Statesman, dated 19.09.2004 wherein Shri Datta has referred to one report dated 23.05.1946 sent by Mr. Danovan of American Consulate in Bombay (Mumbai) to the Home Secretary of the Government of the USA allegedly based on the information given to Mr. Danovan by his 'source'. It has also been stated in the Commission's said letter dated September 28, 2004 that according to Shri Samit Datta, the name of the said source of Mr. Danovan was omitted by the American Government from the published copy of the said report even though the same is not classified and the Director (CNV) has been requested to kindly arrange to procure and send to the Commission immediately a true copy of the said report dated 23.05.1946 of Mr. Danovan with the name(s) allegedly mentioned in the said original report.
12. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/192 dated September 2, 2004 the Director (CNV) has been furnished with a copy of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/432 dated February 5,



2004 in which Mr. Joseph C. Pereira, who reportedly furnished some information to the Indian Consulate in Ho-Chi-Minh City in response to the publication of the notice of the Commission, was requested (on the basis of the aforesaid information) to kindly send to the Commission a copy of the book titled, "Kojaka Rebels" published by a Singaporean publisher as also to furnish the Commission with the addresses of the son and the daughter of Mr. Gerald De Cruz, so that the Commission may officially approach them to elicit information from them and the Director (CNV) has been requested to advise the Indian Consulate in the Ho-Chi-Minh City to contact Mr. Pereira (from whom the Commission has not received any response so far) so that Mr. Pereira furnishes the Commission with a copy of the said book as also the said particulars called for from him by the Commission, as quickly as possible. The response of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is awaited.

13. By d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated September 17, 2004 the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has informed in reply to Commission's letter No.160 dated August 24, 2004 that the Chinese Historical Archives in Nanjing as well as the Nanjing Library have conveyed that they do not have any book like "Forgotten Images" edited by Dr. T.R. Sareen containing historical references to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Accordingly, Shri Priyadarshi Mukherjee, Associate Professor in Chinese and Center for Chinese and South East Studies, JNU, New Delhi, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(IV)/233 dated September 30, 2004 to kindly send a copy of the book, "Forgotten Images" edited by one Dr. T.R. Sareen as referred to in the Affidavit submitted by Shri Mukherjee who has also been requested in the said letter of the Commission to let the Commission know where the book will be available, if the same is not available with Shri Mukherjee. The response of Shri Mukherjee is awaited.
14. By Secretary's Fax Message dated October 5, 2004, the attention of Dr. V.K. Kashyap, Director, CFSL, Kolkata, has been drawn to the Secretary's d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/103 dated July 6, 2004 to him regarding detection of latent finger prints in books, papers, etc. and he has been requested to kindly expedite the matter which is very urgent and important. The response of Dr. V.K. Kashyap is still awaited.
15. Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, Center for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, in his e-mail No. DCCMB/34 dated October 6, 2004 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission has acknowledged receipt of e-mails and Fax Messages of the Secretary to him and has stated inter alia :: "Unfortunately I will be out of Hyderabad most of the time this month. I would, therefore, suggest 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 for our discussion" (about photographs of ashes kept in the Renkoji temple). During telephonic talk of the Secretary with the P.A. of Dr. Singh for an early date, the P.A. has assured him to confirm by Fax the date 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2004 if it suits Dr. Singh for the purpose of the proposed discussion. Further response of the said Director in the matter is awaited.



# JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 15.10.2004 (300) held at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007.

October 15, 2004

Of the five witnesses summoned for today, two witnesses viz. Shri M. L. Sharma and Dr. S. K. Mondal are present.

Summons upon all the three absentee witnesses viz. Dr. V. K. Kashyap, Shri Amar Singh and Shri Subrata Bose were duly served. Of them, Shri Subrata Bose intimated over phone about his illness and prayed for another date for recording his further evidence. The other two are absent without any intimation..

Dr. S. K. Mondal has been examined as CW 120. The report submitted by him after examination of the Questioned Documents has been marked Exhibit 282.

Shri M. L. Sharma has been examined as CW 121. The report submitted by him after examination of Questioned Documents has been marked Exhibit 283.

In compliance with the order dated September 09, 2004, Shri Sharma has submitted an application showing cause for his failure to appear before the Commission on 09.09.2004 inspite of service of summons. The petition is supported by a medical certificate. Cause shown appears to be genuine and hence it is accepted.

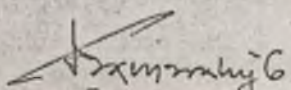
Dr. V. K. Kashyap and Shri Amar Singh are absent without any intimation inspite of service of summons. They are, therefore, directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing (to be communicated later on) and to show cause why appropriate legal action should not be taken against them for their failure / refusal to appear before the Commission.

## STATUS REPORT

1. Shri Rudrajyoti Bhattacharya (JMCI 11/2000) has submitted that proposed DNA test of the ashes lying at 'Renkoji Temple' may not be done by experts of India and Japan.
2. Shri Nandalal Chakraborty (JMCI 11/2000) has submitted that they may be kept informed of all steps that may be taken regarding DNA test of the ashes at Renkoji Temple.
3. Dr. Madhusudhan Pal (JMCI 14/2000)

Referring to Paragraph 6 (a) of the Status Report Dr. Pal has submitted that in his view DNA test of the alleged ashes in Renkoji Temple is not possible.

He next submitted, referring to Paragraph 6 (b) of the Status Report, that the Commission may invite all the Heads of the Forensic Departments in the country to consider the feasibility of the DNA test of the ashes in Renkoji Temple.

  
(M. K. Mukherjee)  
Chairman



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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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November 5, 2004

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  4. The Director,  
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,  
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Subject : Status Report from 01.10.2004 to 31.10.2004.

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to your Ministry / Department / Office).

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

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**Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry**

88For Inquiry Into the Alleged Disappearance of

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**STATUS REPORT**

(From 01.10.2004 to 31.10.2004)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.09.2004 to 30.09.2004 forwarded earlier by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their ends (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to them).
2. The hearing of the Commission was held on 15.10.2004 at 11.00 O'clock in the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata 700007 and out of five witnesses summoned only, two were present who were examined during the said hearing.
3. Further to the position stated in para 3 of the Status Report of September, 2004, it is stated that the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.XII dated September 30, 2004 has stated, inter alia, that the representative of the Indian High Commission in London made an exhaustive search with the help of Research Advisers at the British Library and the National Archives of the U.K. and "could not find any relevant material relating to the inquiry initiated by the Viceroy as mentioned in Document No.5190."
4. Further to the position stated in para 4(a) of the Status Report of August, 2004, it is pointed out that in Secretary's d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/197 dated September 3, 2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been stated, inter alia, that the d.o. letter dated September 8, 2004 of the Director (CNV) is silent about Commission's proposed visit to Omsk, Paddosk, and Irkhutsk; that the Indian Mission in Moscow is reportedly still awaiting confirmation from the Russian Foreign Office regarding the request of the Commission for access to the archives in Russia and that their confirmation regarding the meeting of the Commission with the scholars in St. Petersburg is also reportedly awaited from the Indian Mission there. It has also been stated in the said d.o. letter of the Secretary of the Commission : "As our past experience shows Ministry of Home Affairs take about three weeks or more to communicate approval of tour abroad and sanction for incurring expenditure. .... The deponents also need time to get Visa for visit to Moscow and other places in Russian Federation". There has been no further development regarding the visit of the Commission to Russian Federation before the onset of bitter winter season in Russia.
5. Further to the position stated in para 4(b) of the Status Report for September, 2004, it is stated that the Government of India has called for a Proforma Report in respect of the visit of the



Commission and has recently clarified to the Commission that the visit of Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission is also considered as their deputation to the foreign countries concerned.

6. The attention of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been drawn to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70(II)/188 dated 05.08.2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary, (CNV), wherein the latter was requested to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars/students of Post Graduate class available in the USA indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of relevant historical documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, free of remuneration for academic interest or for the love and respect for Netaji. In the statement forwarded by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India with their d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated August 18, 2004, it has been stated, inter alia : "Our Mission in Washington has been requested to depute an Officer to look at the documents". In Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/191 dated 02.09.2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been stated, inter alia : "It may not be presumed that some specific documents have been offered by the American side which might be perused by an Officer to be deputed by the Indian Mission in Washington as it appears to have been stated" (in the statement of the Ministry of External Affairs at page 2 against para 4(c)(iv) of the said statement regarding the Commission's Status Report for June, 2004). It has also been stated in the said letter dated 02.09.2004 of the Commission : "What is needed is research work to find out whether there are relevant documents in the archival records in the USA". Further development in the matter is still awaited.
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8. In d.o. letter No. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/170 dated August 26, 2004 of the Secretary of the Commission, the attention of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been drawn to the photocopy of the note dated 02.12.1954 of Shri M.O. Mathai which was endorsed to the then Joint Secretary (AD), Shri Prem Krishan under P.M.'s Sectt. U.O. No. D/S 13170 dated 02.12.1954 as could be found in the photocopy of the top secret File No. 23(11)/56/57/PM of the P.M.'s office (Political Section) on the subject, "INA Treasure" wherefrom it appears that the Ministry of External Affairs received a small amount of Rs.200/- and odd along with the ashes and other remains of "Late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose" from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo and the Director (CNV) has been requested to report on the following points :



- i. When and under what circumstances were the alleged ashes of Netaji received by the Ministry of External Affairs from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo as mentioned in the aforesaid note dated 02.12.1954 ?
- ii. Where were the ashes and other remains mentioned in the said note dated 02.12.1954 preserved ?
- iii. If not preserved, what did happen to those ashes and remains ?

The reply of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is still awaited.

9. The Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has again been requested to take effective steps so that the File No.10/22/CM-68 is sent to the Commission without any further delay. He has also been requested that if the contents of the said file are still classified as Secret, the competent authority should be moved so that the file may be made available to the Commission at least for the perusal of the Hon'ble Chairman as has been done earlier in the case of more than one file in respect of which privilege has been claimed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (vide d.o. letter no. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/106 dated July 12, 2004 of the Secretary addressed to the Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India). The response of the Ministry is still awaited.
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12. In Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(IV)/160 dated 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been stated that Shri Priyadarshi Mukherjee, an Associate Professor of Chinese and Center for Chinese and South-East Asian Studies, JNU, New Delhi, stated, inter alia, in his affidavit filed before the Commission that an article written by a Chinese in the book titled, "Forgotten Images" edited by Dr. T.R. Sareen states, inter alia, that Netaji had been to Nanjing and Shri Mukherjee has also referred to No.2 Chinese Historical Archives, 3-9 San-

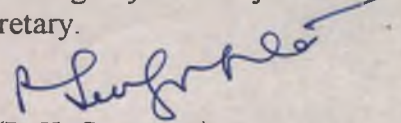


Yat-Sen Road (East), Nanjing for materials on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and accordingly the Director (CNV) has been requested by the Commission in its said letter dated 24.08.04 to kindly write to the Government of the Peoples' Republic of China for relevant documents/records, if any, in the Chinese Historical Archives, named by the said deponent. In reply, the Director (CNV) in his d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated September 17, 2004 has intimated that both the Chinese Historical Archives in Nanjing as well as the Nanjing Library have conveyed to the Indian Consulate in Sanghai that they do not have any such book containing historical references to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

13. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/228 dated September 28, 2004, the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been furnished with a xerox copy of an article titled, "Netaji 'Your Criminal', Nehru wrote to Attlee" authored by Shri Samit Dutta, a retired Director of the C.B.I., and published in the Dainik Statesman, dated 19.09.2004 wherein Shri Datta has referred to one report dated 23.05.1946 sent by Mr. Danovan of American Consulate in Bombay (Mumbai) to the Home Secretary of the Government of the USA allegedly based on the information given to Mr. Danovan by his 'source'. A copy of the report and the particulars called for by the Commission in its said letter dated 28.09.04 have not yet been received.
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15. By Secretary's Fax Message dated October 5, 2004, the attention of Dr. V.K. Kashyap, Director, CFSL, Kolkata, has been drawn to the Secretary's d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/103 dated July 6, 2004 to him regarding detection of latent finger prints in books, papers, etc. and he has been requested to kindly expedite the matter which is very urgent and important. The response of Dr. V.K. Kashyap is still awaited.
16. Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, Center for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, in his e-mail No.DCCMB/34 dated October 6, 2004 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission has acknowledged receipt of e-mails and Fax Messages of the Secretary to him and has stated, inter alia : "Unfortunately I will be out of Hyderabad most of the time this month. I would, therefore, suggest 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 for our discussion" (about photographs of ashes kept in the Renkoji temple). The Secretary requested the P.A. of Dr. Singh on



phone for an early date and the P.A. has ultimately confirmed the date 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2004 for the purpose of the discussion about the photographs of ashes allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji temple as proposed by the Secretary.



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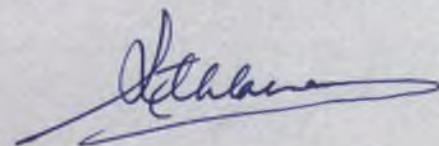
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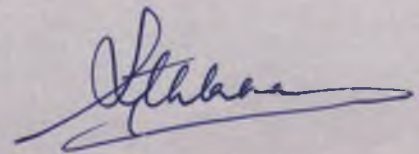
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06 December 2004

Dear

Rakesh,

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), that is inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith, have forwarded photocopies of two Bengali newspaper articles that appeared in 'Dainik Statesman' on 19.09.2004 and 26.9.2004 regarding the circumstances leading to the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The photocopies of the two articles alongwith translations are enclosed. The first of the articles- dated 19.9.2004 contains a statement by Shri Samir Dutta, a retired Director of the CBI, wherein he has referred to a "Report" dated 23.05.1943 sent by Mr. Donovan of the American Consulate in Bombay to the then Home Secretary of the US Government. The JMCI have sought our assistance in procuring a copy of the said Report of Mr. Donovan (dated 23.5.1946).

3. The second article dated 26.9.2004 contains references to two unclassified files (nos. XL38761/XL47621) said to be preserved in the archives of Washington D.C, regarding Death of Subhas Bose in 1946. The Commission has requested that the US Government be approached in the matter so that the said files, if they exist, are made accessible to the JMCI.

4. We shall be grateful if needful is done in the matter and the requisite information obtained urgently for onward transmission to the JMCI.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

L. D. Ralte

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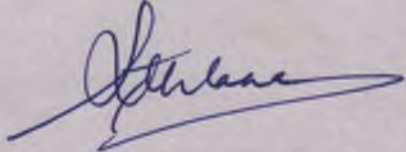
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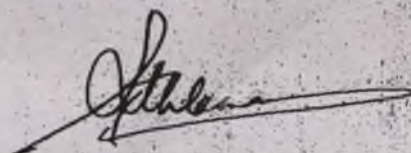
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)  
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To  
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Sub: Visit to Taipei and some other countries of Asia

Ref: Your letter No.I (12014/6/2001-IA(D)III Pt.(IV) dtd. 26/10/2004, -  
Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/83(III)/242  
and your letter No. I/12014/2/2004 NCB-II dated 8.10.04

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 11034/18/98-NCB-II dated 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 and the accompanying copy of the Government Notification dated 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 extending the term of the Commission upto 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 and to request you to kindly refer to the above-quoted correspondence regarding visit of the Commission to Taipei and some other countries of Asia.

As earlier intimated, the team of the Commission will consist of the Hon'ble Chairman and its Secretary only. A draft programme prepared on the basis of Flight Information received by the Commission is enclosed so that the process for according sanction may be initiated at your end without any avoidable delay. Steps are being taken for sending to you dully filled-in and signed proforma for approval of the proposed visit of the Commission to Singapore, Taipei, Vietnam, Bangkok and Malayasia as early as possible.

A number of deponents before the Commission have expressed their intention to take part /to remain present at the sittings/meetings of the Commission in the aforesaid countries. Some of them attended the sitting/meeting of the Commission in Japan. As many as five (5) such deponents including Shri Subrata Bose, M.P. have submitted written petitions ( copies enclosed) to the Commission requesting that they may be given reasonably sufficient time for making preparation for visiting the countries for the aforesaid purpose. They have requested the Commission to give them notice of the programme of the visit at least three/four weeks before the date of the commencement of the visit.



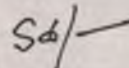
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As regards Point No: (i) of your letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2004, I am directed to say, in addition to what was stated in the letter No: JMCI/ Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/83(III)/242 dated 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2004, that the External Affairs Ministry have informed that our Missions in Singapore, Hanoi, Bangkok and Kualalampur have been informed of the proposed visit of the Commission and have been requested to make all necessary logistics arrangements like accommodation, transport, interpreter, etc. (vide d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol XII dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 of Shri L. D. Ralte Jt. Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi).

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Yours faithfully,



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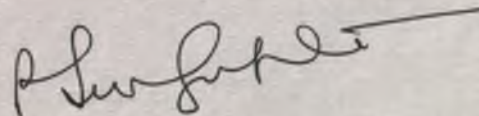
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*Washington*





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If Netaji had died in the air crash on 18 August, 1945, then why a person (name not disclosed) went to the Consulate of America at Mumbai in May, 1946 and expressed his deep concern about Netaji being alive? The name of that person has been omitted from all reports even though those are not classified.

This was stated by Donovan of the American Consulate in Bombay. He had said, "The Indian people's mind have been greatly influenced by Bose. If he returns to his country then there will be so much of turmoil in the country that according to him it would become well nigh difficult to control it".

Thereafter on 23rd May, 1946 Donovan wrote on this subject to the American Home Secretary at Washington. Just think, politically how serious the matter was, that even Home Secretary had to be informed of "some positive proofs regarding the death of Bose."

For the sake of revealing a historical truth, will the Govt. of U.S.A. now disclose the name of that person who had approached Donovan? Try to remember, that the Congress had accepted the partition of the country, the Muslim League had also accepted it. The return of Netaji, probably, could save the country from being partitioned. For that reason it was necessary to know whether Netaji is alive or dead. And had he been alive, it was necessary to detain him at a place far away from this country. In the next article it would be our endeavour to discuss the view point as recorded in 'Oi Mahamanab Ashe'. (Here comes that Magestic person). So far as I know before the matter of 'Oi Mahamanab Ashe' was published, it received the approval of Gumnami Baba. Regarding the authenticity and proof etc. of the contents of 'Oi Mahamanab Ashe' only the author of the book can vouch for. I have understood that the Mukherjee Commission has



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few others maintained their personal Diary. The Mukherjee Commission can get hold of those diaries. The contents of these diaries may, perhaps, throw some light regarding the identity of Gurnami Baba. Not only that these may also contain many information which may be of help in the work of Inquiry by the Commission.

Those persons who have such valuable information etc. they should voluntarily go to the Mukherjee Commission and submit their valuable records and diaries. And if that is not done all information and verbal proofs which may help in finding the identity of Gurnami Baba shall be lost for ever.

The valuable records etc. of the I.N.A. which are available in India and in foreign countries are of great importance as evidence. A research-worker may do research on this subject. I have seen an O.S. S. Report of 1944. It is seen from this report that an American group had entered into the office of the India Independence League. Naturally, I do not want to mention any name. (Netaji, Dr. Motilal Bhargava). The organisation prior to CIA was known as O.S.S. CIA was established after the 2nd World War.

✓ In the National Archives of Washington D.C. there are two declassified files regarding the death of Netaji. The number of those two files are - XL 38761- Death of Subhas Bose, 1946 and XL 47621- Death of Subhas Bose, 1946.

It is hoped that an Indian Research Scholar living in America will volunteer to come forward and do research with the help of these information and the records regarding Netaji preserved in U.S.A. I am surprised why the Indian Council of Historical Research is not making available sufficient funds for research relating to Netaji and I.N.A. Because Netaji played a very important part in the struggle for India's independence.

The writer is an  
Ex Director of C.B.I.

Translated by :  
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*(Signature)*  
(L.D.Ralte)

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SUB: VISIT OF THE COMMISSION OF MOSCOW AND OTHER PLACES OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's d.o. letters No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/193 dt: 28.06.04, JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/186 dt: 30.08.04 and JMCI/EO/2002-03/83 (II)/127 dt: 13.9.04 on the aforesaid subject and to say that the Commission's term has been extended upto 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, with the express stipulation that no further extension beyond 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 will be allowed (vide letter No. 11034/80/98-NCB II dt: 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 of Shri U.K. Kalra, Director (S), Government of India, MHA). It has been clearly stated in this letter that "that no further extension beyond 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 will be allowed". The Commission has been asked to submit its report before the expiry of the term

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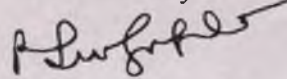


proposed visit, for the purpose of its inquiry, to Moscow and other places of the Russian Federation including Omsk until the bitter winter season there is over - which is not likely before May, 2005 - the Commission is constrained to cancel its programme of visit to the Russian Federation.

A copy each of the Commission's letters quoted above is enclosed for ready reference

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Yours faithfully

  
(P. K. Sengupta)  
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June 28, 2004

Dear

BY SPEED POST

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Apropos the discussion of the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission had with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs in New Delhi on 25.6.04 in course of which you, Shri Asoke Kaitha, Joint Secretary (EA) & Shri R. Venu, Director (EAMO) were present, I am directed to request you to kindly take necessary action to resolve the following pending issues to enable the Commission to complete its inquiry without any avoidable delay:-

- 1) Visit of the Commission to Russia for examination of witnesses and documents in different archives of Russian Federation. The witnesses whose names and addresses are available to this Commission are as follows :-

1. Mr. E.N. Komerov  
 Sr. Research Professor  
 Institute of Oriental Studies  
 Academy of Sciences, Moscow
2. Mr. A. Kolesnikov  
 A former Major of the Warsaw Pact
3. Mr. A.V. Raikov  
 Professor  
 Lipetsk State Teachers' Training University  
 Russia
4. Mr. U.L. Kuznets  
 Finance Academy  
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 Room No. 392
5. Mr. A.V. Tmadzeve  
 Asst. Editor  
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The relatives to which relevant documents are, according to some of the documents before the Commission and also documents in the possession of the Commission, likely to be available, are as follows -

- a. The relatives of the P.B. previously known as KGB,
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2) DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji Temple

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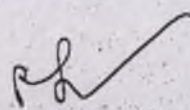


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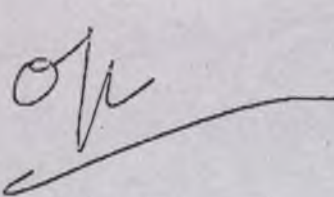
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*Plg to Hon'ble*  
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**SUB: VISIT OF THE COMMISSION OF MOSCOW AND OTHER PLACES OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

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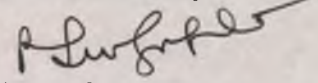
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A copy each of the Commission's letters quoted above is enclosed for ready reference.

Enc: Three.

Yours faithfully

  
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**BY SPEED POST**

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Sr.Research Professor  
Institute of Oriental Studies  
Academy of Sciences, Moscow
  2. Mr. A.Kolesnikov  
A former Major of the Warsaw Pact
  3. Mr. A.V.Raikov  
Professor  
Lipetsk State Teachers' Training University  
Russia
  4. Mr. U.L.Kuznets  
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  5. Mr. A.V. Turadzeve  
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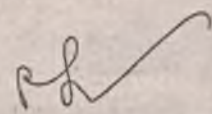
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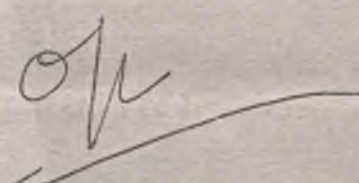
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(P.K. Sengupta)  
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**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

03 December 2004

Dear *Asoke,*

The Ministry of Home Affairs has extended the term of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), that is inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith, by a further six months ie. upto **14 May 2005**. The Commission has been asked to submit its report before the expiry of the extended term.

2. We have been informed by the JMCI that **it is constrained to cancel its proposed plans to visit the Russian Federation** due to its inability to schedule and undertake a visit during the ongoing bitter Russian winter and which is unlikely to be over before the end of its own term viz. May 2005.

3. Meanwhile the JMCI has sought Ministry's assistance in obtaining/accessing some documents said to be available in the Archives of the Russian Federation.

4. The JMCI have drawn attention to an affidavit filed by one Shri Kamal Dutt of Vill. Station Road, P.O.Hojai, Dist. Nagaon, Assam, wherein a reference has been made to a document said to be available in the Russian Federation Archives, containing information relating to Netaji dating back to August 1946. A copy of the affidavit is enclosed.

3. We shall be grateful if you could take up the matter with the Government of the Russian Federation and request them to allow the JMCI to access the relevant document said to be kept in the Russian archives.

*With warm regards and  
with the spirit of  
the season.*

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
(L.D.Ralte)

**Shri Asoke Kumar Mukherjee**  
**Deputy Chief of Mission**  
**Embassy of India**  
**Moscow**

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Before the Notary Public at Calcutta

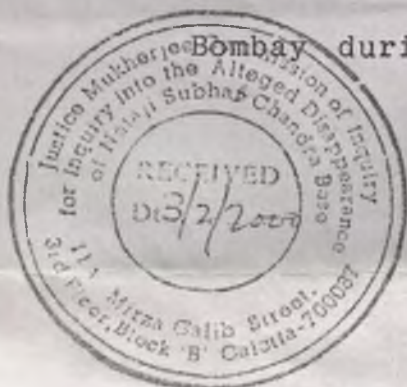


### A F F I D A V I T

Before the Justice Mukherjee Commission of enquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. 11/A Mirza Galib Street, Calcutta - 700 087, Block B (3rd Floor), I Kamal Dutta, age 48, son of Late Benoy Bhusan Dutta, Village : Station Road P.O. Hojai, district Nagaon, Assam 782435, Secretary North East Region Netaji Co-ordination Committee, Hojai, Village Station Road, P.O. Hojai, district - Nagaon, Assam 782435 do state as follows:  
The Russian archives of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation, unearthed a document on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which requires proper examination and investigation.

The report narrates :

Sayadyants V. a soviet agent was residing in Bombay during the period of World War II, 1943. He was

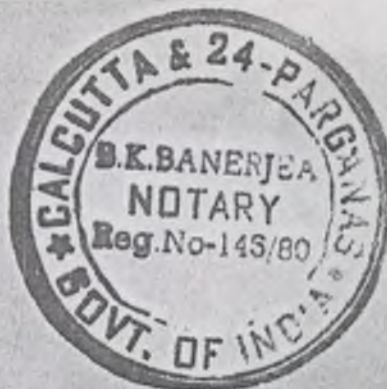


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engaged in selling soviet literature, books, records etc. In August 16, 1946 J. Nehru asked this agent to deliver his letter personally to Stalin. With Nehru's letter to Stalin Sayadyants left for Moscow on August 28, 1946 through Tehran leaving behind a small report on political situation in India.

The report reveals certain intriguing clues :

- a] Comrade Somenath Lahiri's (the then Secretary CPI) secret visit to USSR from 23.07.1946 to 03.08.1946.
- b] Sayadyants observation of Soviet Communist Party's attitude towards Nehru & Gandhi's ideology.
- c] Finally, he asserts with evidences and makes a positive statement that Subhas Chandra Bose is the only alternative leader and can be accepted as the only National leader of India.

This Note clearly indicates that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was alive in August 1946. For this, the letter sent by Nehru to Stalin should be declassified and Sayadyants report needs verification.



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Besides, when Nehru as Prime Minister of India visited USSR in the year 1955, Sayadyants met him in Moscow and expressed his desire to settle in India. Records in the Ministry of External Affairs, Russian Federation, Inform that during 1959-1960 Sayadyants left for India for good.

The Government of India can throw some light on the whereabouts and fate of Sayadyants.

✓ The dossier, inventory and file numbers along with the documents will be produced when required.

Verified that the statements made in the above paragraphs of the above affidavit are true to my personal knowledge and some are collected from information received and believe to be true by me.

Sworn before me by the deponent who is identified to my satisfaction by advocate - Monoranjan Ghosh. The affidavit has been read out in full to the deponent who has signed it after admitting ~~x~~ it to be correct, on this the second day of February, Two thousand.

Explained and Identified  
by me,

*R. mal. Datta*  
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Deponent

*Monoranjan Ghosh*  
MONORANJAN GHOSH.  
ADVOCATE.

FORMERLY AFFIRMED & DECLARED  
BEFORE ME ON IDENTIFICATION

*B.K. Banerjea*  
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NOTARY

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**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

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Dear

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) that is inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith have approached us for assistance in accessing some documents said to be available with the Vietnamese archives.

2. The JMCI have drawn attention to a sworn affidavit filed by one Dr. Tilak Raj Sareen of New Delhi (copy of extract of para-3 of affidavit enclosed) and to a newspaper report (copy of clipping enclosed) that appeared in the Telegraph newspaper on 26.9.1994, wherein a reference has been made to the availability of ***"accessible pictorial and documentary material on Netaji's stay at Saigon in 1945 with the Government of Vietnam"***.

3. We shall be grateful if you could take up the matter with the Government of Vietnam and request them to allow the JMCI to have access to the relevant documents relating to Netaji, during the Commission's proposed visit to Vietnam.

Yours sincerely,

**(L.D.Ralte)**

**Shri N.Ravi,**  
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No. JMCI/25/2000/298.

Kolkata, dated, 25.11.04.

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Secretary

To : The Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
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South Block,  
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I am directed to send herewith a copy of extracts of para 3 from the affidavit sworn and filed by Dr. Tilak Raj Sareen of New Delhi and a copy of the report titled, "Vietnam Archives hold Key to Netaji Flight" authored by Ms. Prabha Jagannathan which was published in the 'Telegraph', an English daily, on September 26, 1994 with the request to kindly take up the matter with the Government of Vietnam and request them to allow the Commission to have access to all the relevant documents relating to Netaji during the proposed visit of the Commission to Vietnam.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

*P. K. Sengupta*  
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*Letter to Mrs. Hanu  
Sent: 3/12/04*



# Vietnam archives hold key to Netaji flight

FROM PRABHA  
JAGANNATHAN

TEL

INDIAN GOVERNMENT RELUCTANT TO PURSUE LEAD

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Ho Chi Minh City, Sept. 25: The city of Saigon may even today hold the key to a crucial missing piece of Indian history related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose during World War II. Ironically, though, the Indian government seems reluctant to pursue this lead.

The government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has access to certain pictorial and documentary material on Netaji's last flight — during which he made a sojourn in Saigon city on his way to Taipei (Formosa) and Tokyo in Japan — before his final disappearance, according to the authorities.

"There is accessible material here on Netaji's stay in Saigon in 1945, when a large part of Indo-China was under Japanese domination. However, the Indian government is reluctant to pursue this lead, which is likely to help us unearth some exceedingly interesting material on Netaji's disappearance since it will reopen the entire issue," said a highly placed source,

However, Indian embassy officials, who admit the existence of "some material" including newspaper clippings related to the

event, dismiss this, saying, "The last thing we want is to embroil ourselves in another controversy over Netaji. Any talk of this is likely to get blown out of proportion immediately in India."

While some of this material was acquired by the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in the post re-unification period from the authorities at the Majestic Hotel, where Netaji was put up by the Japanese government, material on Netaji is also believed to have been accessed by the government here while collecting archival material on both the World War II and the Vietnam War period.

Located along the Saigon river, the Majestic Hotel, once considered the city's most elegant and prestigious.

Netaji is also believed to have met the Vietnam Cong Sai. (Vietnam Communist party) chief and father of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh, as well as the Burmese leader, Bamo, as part of his war-time strategy to garner support for the INA and Azad Hind Fauj.

The Forward Bloc MP, Mr. Chitta Basu, who has for years been trying to get the Indian govern-

ment interested in retrieving all archival material related to the 50-year-old mystery of Netaji's disappearance in 1945, said, "There are a lot of theories about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's last flight in 1945. In 1943 (Octo-



ber 21), Netaji made Singapore his headquarters for declaring independence of Azad Hind from the British and opposition to the Allied forces. He met and discussed strategy with many leaders in the Southeast Asian region before he was flown on a Japanese plane in 1945 to Formosa.

Some evidence suggest that he did stop over at Saigon. Others claim it's just a smokescreen."

Mr Chitta Basu, however, personally met former INA members in Thailand and Singapore who confirmed that the Netaji did stopover in Saigon in 1945.

Netaji Centenary: Now involved in efforts to get the Rao government interested in a nationwide centenary celebrations of Netaji next year, Mr Basu, in 1990, presented both the Indian ambassador as well as senior government officials in Moscow with all the documents on Netaji. "I requested senior party officials to help in retrieving all material on Netaji by accessing their wartime archives. They agreed, but the Indian government did not pursue the matter," he said.

When Mr Rao became Prime Minister, Mr Chitta Basu met both Mr Rao and the human resource development minister, Mr Arjun Singh, besides the Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR) officials on the issue.

He also wrote to "friendly governments" in Southeast Asia

as well as in UK, Taiwan, China and Japan. But nothing transpired and the Indian government showed no interest in the centenary celebrations, either.

Without the Indian government's active interest and support, Mr Chitta Basu stresses, there is no way of getting authentic information on what happened at that point of time in Indian history and the Freedom Movement.

Supreme Court verdict: Meanwhile, Netaji scholars and academicians in Calcutta are eagerly awaiting the Supreme Court verdict on the award of the Bharat Ratna to the Netaji, posthumously, by the Indian government.

The verdict, which is due at end October, is related to the contest of the award, both in the Calcutta High Court, and later, at the Supreme Court, as "fallacious, since the Netaji's demise has not been factually proved."

It is expected to restart the decades-old controversy on the Netaji's mysterious flight.

The government, which was asked by the Supreme Court to provide any evidence it may have on the issue, declined, arguing that all such information was classified.

Efforts are on to get the material declassified.



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issue and also especially the report prepared by an American intelligence officer, under General Douglas Macarthur, on the death of Netaji.

3. Calcutta's leading English newspaper, 'The Telegraph' published a report from its correspondent in Saigon, Prabha Jagannathan, on 26 September 1994, in which she mentioned that 'there is accessible material here on Netaji's stay at Saigon in 1945, when large parts of Indo - China was under Japanese domination. However, the Indian Government is reluctant to pursue this lead, which is likely to help unearth some extremely interesting material on Netaji's disappearance'. She added: "The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has access to certain pictorial and documentary material of Netaji's last flight during which he made a sojourn in Saigon city on his way to Taipei (Formosa) and Tokyo before his final disappearance".

I feel that the Commission should request the Government of Vietnam to place all the material pertaining to Netaji at the Commission's disposal.

4. Nearly fifty five years after the reported aircrash at Taipei, the records of the Intelligence Bureau of the

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Government of India, have not been declassified. For

instance, the reports prepared by Messrs Finney and Davies, who were sent to the Far East to trace Netaji after the News of the aircrash was known, are not yet available for administ examination. They were accompanied by two

Indian Police Officers, H.K.Ray and K.P.De, who might

have submitted their own reports to the Intelligence

Bureau. The Government of India should be urged to

make all these reports available for close scrutiny.

T. R. Sreen



ATTESTED

Secretary Public, Delhi

03 MAR 2000



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No. JMCII/ DOC/99-2000/56(V)/289

Kolkata, dated, **22.11.2004.**

**From : Shri P.K. Sengupta**  
**Secretary**

**To : The Joint Secretary (CNV),**  
**Ministry of External Affairs,**  
**Government of India,**  
**South Block,**  
**New Delhi 110001.**

**S i r,**

I have been directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the affidavit dated February 2, 2000 filed before the Commission by Shri Kamal Dutt of Vill. Station Road, P.O. Hojai, Dist. Nagaon, Assam 782435, with the request to furnish immediately information, if any, available regarding the Soviet Agent, Sayadyants V. who, according to Shri Kamal Dutt, the deponent, left Russia in 1959-60 permanently for India as mentioned in his said affidavit.

I am further directed to request you to take necessary action so that the Ministry of External Affairs, Russian Federation, is approached immediately for the documents allegedly kept in the Russian Archives of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation, as claimed by the deponent in his said affidavit.

**Yours faithfully,**

*P. K. Sengupta*  
**(P. K. Sengupta)**  
**Secretary**

**Encl : As stated above.**

*Pl. Mr. Dutt  
to Govt Moscow.  
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No. JMCI/Doc-64(V1)/2004/293.

Kolkata, dated, 23.11.04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),  
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Director(CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block  
New Delhi - 110001.

Sir,

With reference to D.O.No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated 12 October, 2004 from Shri L.D.Ralte, Director(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, I am directed to send herewith the English translations done by our Sr.Hindi Translator of the two articles which appeared in 'Dainik Statesman' (in Bengali) on 19.09.2004 and 26.09.2004 regarding the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Xerox copies of the original articles in Bengali are also enclosed along with the said translations.

I am directed to request that the information/files called for in this Commission's letter no. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/228 dated 28.09.2004 and letter No. JMCI/Doc-64(V1)/2004/238 dated 04.10.2004 may kindly be procured and furnished to this Commission at an early date.

Enclo : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

( M. Roy )  
Officer on Special Duty

No. JMCI/Doc-64(V1)/2004/293(1).

Dated 23rd November'04.

Copy to: The Director(Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi for information and favour of taking necessary action. Xerox copies of the aforesaid two articles along with their English translations are enclosed herewith.

( M. Roy )  
Officer on Special Duty



# নেতাজি “আপনার অপরাধী” (Your Criminal), নেহরু লিখেছিলেন অ্যাটর্নিকে

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নেতাজির রহস্যের পূর্বতন তদন্ত কমিশনের প্রধান বিচারক জি. ডি. খোসলা এবং পরবর্তীকালে যখনই বার করা হয় এবং সর্বশেষ ড. পূর্ণাঙ্গী রায় -এ বিবরণ যে সুপের উল্লেখ করেছেন - নেতাজির বিস্তারিত আলোচনার রহস্যের জট খোলার প্রভূত সহায়তা দেখা যায়। বিভিন্ন পর্যায়ের তদন্তকারী মধ্যে যে ইঙ্গিত বহন করেছে তাকে অবলম্বন করে মানুষ হিসেবে বিবেচনা করা গিয়েছে।

বিচারপতি খোসলা বলেন, “কিছু মানুষ হুঁপু এবং ধারণা অনুযায়ী তাইপেতে নেতাজির মৃত্যুর কাহিনী বিশ্বাস করেন না। তবে বেশ কিছু নিরপেক্ষ প্রত্যক্ষদর্শী, সেই দুর্ভাগ্যবশত বিনামূল্যে চারজন বঁরা নেতাজির সাক্ষরদর্শী ছিলেন, নারায়ণকর্তব্যে জখমও

হয়েছিলেন, তাঁদের সাক্ষ্যও ব্যক্তিগত করা হয়নি। এ ছাড়া সেই সময় থেকে প্রায় ৩০ বছর নেতাজি জগতের অজানা। অতীত সহচরী এবং রাষ্ট্রচিন্তার ক্ষেত্রে অসামান্য ক্ষমতাবান নেতাজির মতো এমন ব্যক্তিই কমই নিজেদের ব্যক্তিগত রাখতে পারেন না। কমিশনই তাঁর প্রকৃতি প্রকাশ করে। তাই নেতাজির মৃত্যুকেই প্রকৃত ঘটনা হিসেবে গ্রহণ করতে হবে।” (মু. লালি ভেজ এবং নেতাজি পৃ. ১৮৪)।

বিচারপতি খোসলা আপনাদের এবং নেতাজির বিশ্বস্ত অনুচর কর্তৃক হাবিবুর রহমানের মুখের কথাও ওপর ভিত্তি করেই এই সিদ্ধান্তে এসেছেন। তাঁর মৃত্যু হল সবচেয়ে মিথ্যা বলতে পারেন না। নেতাজির তথ্য প্রমাণহীন মৃত্যু কাহিনীর অর্থ তাঁর জীবিত থাকা বা মৃত্যুর। খেতে কেনওভাবেই নেহরু না পাওয়া বলে মনে করেন বিচারপতি খোসলা। কিন্তু খোসলা, কমিশনের এই মুক্তিহীন মৃত্যুর ওপরও মনোবল প্রদর্শিত হতে পারে না।

বিচারপতি খোসলা অধ্যাপক স্মরণ ওহর চুক্তিবদ্ধে বৃহৎ কষ্ট পেয়েছিলেন। অতীত এ ব্যাপারে যদি তাঁকে বিশ্বাস করা যায়। অধ্যাপক ওহর কর্তৃক খোসলা কমিশন গঠিত হয়েছিল। বিচারপতি খোসলা বলেছেন, “তিনি (অধ্যাপক ওহর) বোম্বের মৃত্যুর ব্যাপারে বিদ্রোহ কেনও মতামতকে অস্বাভাবিক বিশ্বাস করতেন। তিনি মনে করতেন, বোম্বের মৃত্যুর ব্যাপারে অন্য কোনও জরগায়, অন্য কোনও সময়ে ঘটে থাকতে পারে অথবা ভাবভেন বোম্ব এখনও সশরীরে জীবিত রয়েছেন।”

খোসলা আরও বলেছেন, “অধ্যাপক ওহর আবেগমগ্নিত একটা উদ্বেগের থেকে বিনাম

দুর্ভাগ্য বোম্বের মৃত্যুর কাহিনীর অধিশাসন করেছেন। ব্যাপারটা সত্যিই বিস্ময়কর।”

খোসলা কমিশন চমকানোর বিষয় মতামতের কথা গোলা দিয়েছিল। এমন আপনাদা জানতে পারলে খোসলাল জৈনের একাধারে সম্পর্কে। তিনি কংগ্রেস পার্টি কর্তৃক নিয়োজিত আই এন এ জিম্মাল কমিশনের সঙ্গে মূল ছিলেন। শ্রী জৈন চমকপ্রদ একটি নতুন তথ্য দিয়েছিলেন খোসলা কমিশনের সামনে। সংক্ষেপে তাঁর বক্তব্য এখানে দেওয়া হল -

“আমি অত্যন্ত উৎসাহের সঙ্গে শপথ নিয়ে হস্তাক্ষর করে বা বলছি তা সত্য। এক সন্ধ্যাবেলা (দিনটি সন্ধ্যা ২৬ অথবা ২৭ ডিসেম্বর) - আপাকে টেলিফোনে জওহরলাল নেহরু ডেকে পাঠালেন আপক আলির বাড়িতে, সঙ্গে টাইপরাইটার আনতে বললেন। তিনি বলেছিলেন, টাইপ করার মতো অনেক কিছু রয়েছে। আর আমাকে তা করতে হবে। বেশ কয়েকপাতা টাইপ করার পর, জওহরলাল নেহরু তাঁর আচরণের পকেট থেকে একটা কাগজ বার করে আমাকে তাঁর ঘনা চার কপি টাইপ করতে বললেন। ওই কাগজটিতে হাতের লেখা যা ছিল তা পড়তে বেশ অনুবিধা ছিল। এখন ওই কাগজে যা লেখা ছিল আমি আমার স্মৃতির থেকে তা বলাই চেষ্টা করছি।

“নেতাজি দুর্ভাগ্যবশত বোম্ব বিনামূল্যে করে সাধারণ থেকে এসে আজ ২৬ আগস্ট ১৯৪৫-এ দায়বর্তনে (মাক্‌সুরিয়া) দুপুর দেড়টার পৌছলেন। বিনামূল্যে ছিল একটি আপানি বোম্বার বিমান। তাতে রক্তাক্ত



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একজন মানুষ বসতে পারে। বিনামূল্যে ছিল নোনা ভর্তি (সোনার বার, অলংকার এবং মণিনুত)। নেতাজির দু হাতে দুটি অ্যাটর্নিকেস ছিল। বিনামূল্যে থেকে নেমে নেতাজি করার সঙ্গে চা পান করলেন। ইতিমধ্যে সামনে দাঁড়ানো একটি জিপে বিনামূল্যে থেকে সন্ত মালপত্র খালি করা হল। চা পান করার পর নেতাজি এবং তাঁর সঙ্গে যে চারজন ছিলেন (এঁদের মধ্যে একজন ছিলেন আপানি, নাম জেনারেল পিগেই এবং অন্যদের নাম স্মরণ করতে পারছি না) তাঁরা জিপের আননে গিয়ে বসলেন। ওই জিপটি রাশিয়ার

সীমান্তের দিকে দ্রুত গুরু করে। প্রায় তিন ঘন্টা পর জিপটি গিরে আসে এবং বিনামূল্যে পাইলটকে জানানোর পর বিমানটি চৌকিওর দিকে ফিরে যায়।

“ওই কাগজটি আমার হাতে টাইপ করার জন্য দিয়ে আমাকে পরে ডাকলেন বসে আসক আলির কাছে গিয়ে জওহরলাল নেহরু ১০ থেকে ১৫ মিনিট ধরে কথাবার্তা বলতেই ব্যস্ত ছিলেন। আমি চিঠিটি সম্পূর্ণ করতে পারিনি। না কারণ লেখাটির লেখকের নামটি পড়া যাচ্ছিল না। আমি অপেক্ষা করতে লাগলাম জওহরলাল নেহরুর জন্যে, তিনি এলে আমাকে নামটি বলবেন বলে। ইতিমধ্যে আমি চিঠিটি বেশ কয়েকবার পড়ে ফেলেছি, আর আজকে একই আমার মনে আছে। জওহরলাল নেহরু লেখকের নামটি বুঝতে পারেননি এবং আমাকে টাইপ করা কাগজটি বার করে তাঁর হাতে দিতে বললেন।

“আমি উদ্বেগের সঙ্গে শপথ নিয়ে হস্তাক্ষর করে বলতে পারি যে এরপর জওহরলাল নেহরু আমাকে তাঁর লেখার প্রায় থেকে চারটি পাতা দিয়ে একটি চিঠির চারটি কপি করতে বললেন। তিনি আমাকে ডিয়েল দিয়েছিলেন এবং আমি তা টাইপ করেছিলাম। সেই চিঠির বিষয়বস্তু বর্তমান আমি মনে করতে পারছি না একমুহুরি ছিল।

“মি. ক্রিস্টে অ্যাটর্নি ইন্সপেক্টর প্রাক্সমারী ১০ ডাউনিং স্ট্রিট লন্ডন প্রিয় মি. অ্যাটর্নি, আমি নিশ্চয় সূত্রে জানতে পেরেছি যে

দুর্ভাগ্যবশত বোম্ব, আপনার অপরাধী (ইহোর ক্রিমিনাল), তাঁকে স্টালিন রাশিয়ার প্রকাশ করার অনুমতি দিয়েছেন। এটা প্রতিবার বিশ্বাসযোগ্যতা এবং রাশিয়ার দ্বারা ভুল করেছে কারণ ব্রিটিশ-আমেরিকার মিত্র গোষ্ঠী এই রাশিয়ানরা। ওদের এটা করা উচিত হয়নি। দ্রষ্টব্য করে বিদ্রোহী নজর রাখলেন, যা সঠিক এবং ভালো কৃপাক্ষর তা করলেন।

আপনার অনুবর্ত, জওহরলাল নেহরু”

শ্রীমান জৈন ছাড়াও আরও কয়েকজন সাক্ষী ছিলেন, বঁরা খোসলা কমিশনের সামনে তাঁদের সাক্ষ্যে বঁরা রাশিয়াতে চলে যাওয়ার ব্যাপারে বলেছিলেন। সেই সময় সঠিক কোনও প্রমাণ পাওয়া যায়নি। বিচারপতি খোসলায় কাছে দৌলত বিশ্বাসযোগ্যতা ছিল না। সেই সঙ্গে অ্যাটর্নি-নেহরুর চিঠিপত্র অথবা অ্যাটর্নি-স্টালিনের চিঠিপত্রগুলির অনুবাদও ব্যাপারে কোনও চেষ্টাই করা হয়নি। নে. কর্তৃক বিবরণের সম্পর্কে আর কিছু জানাও যায়নি। শ্রী জৈনের চমকপ্রদ একাধারে পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে, কী হয়েছিল, সে ব্যাপারে পূর্ববর্তী নিবন্ধে আলোচনা করা হবে। এটা হয়ত অন্যকেই মনে দোষের যে জৈন সন্তত মিথ্যা কথা বলেছেন।

১৯৪৫-এর ১৮ আগস্ট দিন মূল্যায় নেতাজির মৃত্যু হতে, তাহলে কেন কোনও একজন (নামটি প্রকাশ করা হয়নি) বোম্বাই-এর অফিসিয়াল কমন্সলেটে ১৯৪৬-এর মে মাসে কোনও একদিন গিয়ে নেতাজির জীবিত থাকার ব্যাপারে গভীরভাবে উদ্বেগ প্রকাশ করেছিলেন? ব্যক্তিগত নামটি শ্রেণিবদ্ধ হয়নি এমনসব তথ্য থেকে বাদ দেওয়া হয়েছে।

ব্যাপারটি বলেছিলেন বোম্বাই-এর মার্কিন কমন্সলেটের জেনারেল। তিনি বলেছিলেন,

“ভারতীয় জনসাধারণের মধ্যে যে প্রভাব রয়েছে তা প্রকৃত। তিনি যদি সত্যে ফেলেন তাহলে যে উপলব্ধি হয় তা হল, তাঁর পিতার অকৃত্য। এতটা শত্রু বলা বেশ কঠিন হয়ে পড়বে।”

এখন ভেবেচিন্তা ওয়াশিংটনে আমেরিকার স্টাট সেক্রেটারি ১৯৪৬-এর ২৩ মে বিবৃতির সম্পর্কে দেবেন। ভদ্রন রাজনৈতিকভাবে ব্যাপারটি কী মাহাত্ম্যিক ছিল যে স্টাট সেক্রেটারি পর্যন্ত জানতে হয়েছে, “বোম্বের মৃত্যুর ব্যাপারে কিছু ইতিবাচক প্রমাণ।”

ইতিবাচক মাত্রা উদ্ভবিতের ভিত্তি এখন কি সাক্ষি মূল্যায়ন সরকার করছেন সেই ব্যক্তিগত নাম, তিনি জেনারেলের কাছে গিয়েছিলেন? মনে করে দেখাও হয়েছে। বিভ্রান্তকে মনে দিয়েছিল, মূল্যায়ন গিপে মনে দিয়েছিল। নেতাজির প্রত্যাবর্তনই সন্তত দেশ বিভাগের ঝোঁকতে পারত। সে কারণে এটা জন্য অস্বস্তি ছিল যে নেতাজি জীবিত না মৃত। আর তিনি কী জীবিত থাকতেন, তাহলে তাঁকে একেই থেকে আসক দূরে কোথাও এতটুক রাখাটাই হতমি ছিল। এরপরের নিবন্ধে চেষ্টা করা হবে ওই মহানার আসক এই নবিকর কথা দুর্ভাগ্যবশত বিবরণে আলোচনা করা। আমি যতদূর জানি, ওই মহানার আসক বিবরণটি প্রকাশ হওয়ার আগে ওয়ানামি বাবার অনুবাদ পেয়েছিল। একমুহুরে ওই মহানার আসক লেখকই বলতে পারলেন মূল্যায় বিবরণের সত্যতা ও প্রমাণের সম্পর্কে। আমি বুঝতে পেরেছি যে মুখার্জি কমিশন তথ্য হিসেবে ওই মহানার আসক গ্রহণ করেছে।

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NETAJI MYSTERY AT A NEW JUNCTURE

NETAJI "YOUR CRIMINAL" THUS WROTE NEHRU  
TO ATTLEE

By

SAMIT KUMAR DUTTA

We have to accept this fact now that while dealing with the mystery of Netaji's disappearance, the name of Russia crops up invariably in one way or the other. Taking this aspect into consideration, the Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the mysterious disappearance of Netaji will ~~shortly~~ <sup>soon</sup> be keen to visit Russia to collect information. The Commission has also appreciated this aspect of the matter. It is possible to resolve this enigma to a great extent if in the larger interest of cordial relations between India and Russia, the indologists of Russia and the Russian Government opens up few specific classified records. In this regard a meaningful cooperation from Russia depends on the proper gesture and sincerity of the Government elected by a vast majority of the people of India and its Parliament.

There seems to be a great possibility to resolve this mystery if we discuss in detail the sources / <sup>points</sup> relating to this subject referred to by Justice G.D. Khosla who presided over the earlier Inquiry Commission on the mystery of Netaji, and later by Gurnami Baba himself and lastly by Dr. Purabi Roy. The indications carried by the incidents which occurred at different stages should not be overlooked or taken lightly.



Justice Khosla said, "Few people with reason and sense will disbelieve the story of Bose's death at Taipeh. But it is hard to reject the testimony of so many disinterested witnesses, four of whom were Bose's co-passengers in the ill-fated plane, and also suffered serious injuries. Apart from this, since then 30 years have rolled by and Netaji has not made an appearance. A person of Netaji's stature - a man of indomitable courage, and a very powerful personality in national political thinking, cannot remain in hiding. Inactivity was foreign to his nature. We must, therefore, accept the fact of his death as a natural incident. (The Last Days of Netaji - Page 184).

Justice Khosla arrived at this conclusion depending on the oral evidence of the Japanese, and Col. Habibur Rahaman, a great confidant - follower of Netaji. His reasoning is that all of them cannot lie. According to Justice Khosla, the story of Netaji's death without any evidence or proof means either he is alive or he could not escape death because of the accident. But people cannot have confidence on this unreasonable comment of Khosla Commission. Justice Khosla was very much saddened by the part played by Professor Samar Guha, atleast if he can be believed in this respect. It was because of Professor Guha's efforts that Khosla Commission was appointed. Justice Khosla has said, "He (Professor Guha) believed in some alternative version of Bose's death in some other manner. He thought that Bose might have died at some other place or time or he still exists as a live individual."



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Khosla has further said, "Professor Guha disbelieved the story of Bose's death in an aircrash out of a passionate anxiety. It is really amazing."

While Khosla Commission was proceeding with its work we had heard about alternative views. Now you will come to know about the evidence given by Shyamlal Jain. He was associated with the I.N.A. Defence Committee appointed by the Congress Party. Shri Jain had given to the Khosla Commission a new shocking revelation. His statement in brief is given below:-

"I solemnly affirm and state on oath with full responsibility that the following information are true. One evening, (the date may be December 26 or 27) I was called by Shri Jawaharlal Nehru on telephone to come to the residence of Shri Asaf Ali with a typewriter as he had a lot of work to be typed by me, which I complied. After getting some papers typed by me, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru drew out a paper from the pocket of his achkan (long coat) and asked me to make four copies of it for him. The said paper was a handwritten matter and was somewhat difficult to read. Now, what was written in that paper, I am trying to reproduce from my memory".



"Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose proceeding by aeroplane from Saigon arrived today, August 23, 1945 at Dairen (Manchuria) at 1.30 afternoon. The said plane was a Japanese bomber-plane. Hardly one person could sit in that plane. It was full of gold (in the shape of gold bars, ornaments and jewellery). Netaji carried two attache cases, one in each hand. On alighting from the plane, Netaji took tea with bananas. In the meantime, all the goods in the plane were unloaded and re-loaded in a jeep standing in front of it. When Netaji finished tea, he along with four others (out of which one was a Japanese named General Shidei and others have lapsed from memory), took their seats in the jeep. The said jeep proceeded towards Russian territory. After about 3 hours the said jeep returned and after the pilot of the plane was informed, the plane flew back to Tokyo".

"After handing over the said paper to me for typing, he told me that I would be called later on, saying this Shri Jawaharlal Nehru went to Shri Asaf Ali and remained busy in conversation with him for 10 to 15 minutes. I could not complete the letter, because the name of the writer on the letter was not readable, and I kept waiting for Shri Jawaharlal to come and tell the name. In the meantime, I went through the letter several times and that is all that I could remember to the present day. Shri Jawaharlal Nehru could not discern the name of the writer and asked me to pull out the papers and hand over to him as they were".



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"I solemnly affirm and state on oath that thereafter Shri Jawaharlal Nehru gave me four papers from his writing pad to make four copies of a letter, which he dictated to me and I had typed the same. The contents of that letter, as far as I could remember were as follows:

To  
Mr. Clement Attlee  
Prime Minister of Britain  
10 Downing Street  
London.

Dear Mr. Attlee,

I understand from a reliable source that Subhas Chandra Bose, your war criminal has been allowed to enter Russian territory by Stalin. This is a clear treachery and betrayal of faith by the Russians. As Russia has been an Ally of the British - Americans, it should not have been done by them. Please take note of it and do what you consider proper and fit.

Yours sincerely,  
Jawaharlal Nehru".

Apart from Shyamlal Jain, there were few more witnesses who in their depositions before the Khosla Commission had stated about Bose having gone to Russia. At that time proper proof could not be found. Those depositions were not fit to be believed by Justice Khosla. Moreover, no effort was made to find out the correspondence between Attlee - Nehru, or Attlee - Stalin. Hence, nothing more could be known on the subject. What followed the shocking revelations by Shri Jain in his deposition, will be discussed in the next article. Perhaps most of us would believe that probably Jain did not lie.



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If Netaji had died in the air crash on 18 August, 1945, then why a person (name not disclosed) went to the Consulate of America at Mumbai in May, 1946 and expressed his deep concern about Netaji being alive ? The name of that person has been omitted from all reports even though those are not classified.

This was stated by Donovan of the American Consulate in Bombay. He had said, "The Indian people's mind have been greatly influenced by Bose. If he returns to his country then there will be so much of turmoil in the country that according to him it would become well nigh difficult to control it".

Thereafter on 23rd May, 1946 Donovan wrote on this subject to the American Home Secretary at Washington. Just think, politically how serious the matter was, that even Home Secretary had to be informed of "some positive proofs regarding the death of Bose."

For the sake of revealing a historical truth, will the Govt. of U.S.A. now disclose the name of that person who had approached Donovan ? Try to remember, that the Congress had accepted the partition of the country, the Muslim League had also accepted it. The return of Netaji, probably, could save the country from being partitioned. For that reason it was necessary to know whether Netaji is alive or dead. And had he been alive, it was necessary to detain him at a place far away from this country. In the next article it would be our endeavour to discuss the view point as recorded in 'Oi Mahamanab Ashe'. (Here comes that Majestic person). So far as I know before the matter of 'Oi Mahamanab Ashe' was published, it received the approval of Gumnami Baba. Regarding the authenticity and proof etc. of the contents of 'Oi Mahamanab Ashe' only the author of the book can vouch for. I have understood that the Mukherjee Commission has



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accepted 'Oi Mahamanab Ashe' as a piece  
of information.

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NETAJI MYSTERY AT A NEW JUNCTURE

LET THERE BE RESEARCH ON THE RECORDS AVAILABLE  
IN AMERICA RELATING TO NETAJI

By  
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In my last article I endeavoured to show the Findings by Justice Khosla regarding the death of Netaji. According to him Netaji died on 18 August 1945 because of an air crash at Taihoku. To-day in this article I would deal with those published or printed materials which depict about Gumnami Baba's going over to Russia. It was published in 'Oi Mahamanab Ashe' and 'Jayashree'. From the published material stated to be the views of Gumnami Baba, is it possible to prove anything regarding the real identity of Gumnami Baba ? It has been contended that he had been going to South-East Asia, China and different regions<sup>n</sup> of Russia.

Gumnami Baba had made it known that during his stay in Russia he was made to put in very hard labour. I feel that without the approval of Gumnami Baba nothing could have been published in 'Oi Mahamanab Ashe'. The few contributors to Jayashree who are still alive can now give their views on oath before the Mukherjee Commission regarding the truth or otherwise of the contents of the writings published in it. When Justice Khosla Commission was doing its work, they did not broach the subject before him, because there was the question of being on oath to keep the secret. Now the time has come to reveal the truth. If they do not come forward now to reveal that truth, then in future no other committee would be able to do anything regarding the mystery of Netaji's disappearance. It is now or never.

If we believe what Gumnami Baba has said, then we find that he had been to Siberia, China, Vietnam and other countries of South-East Asia. He was known by the name of General Death or General Shiv. Two names for the same person, if this contention is true then sufficient proof etc. must be available in the Archives of the governments of those countries.



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The entire scheme of Dalai Lama's escape from Lhasa was drawn up by General Shiv. Such a claim has been made in a book on Dalai Lama written by Lowell Thomas, in which there is description regarding the activities of General Shiv. I could not go through the book because I could not get it. Late B.N. Mullick, Director of Intelligence Bureau while giving evidence before the Khosla Commission had stated that he could not go through the book. He was specifically asked questions about the book. He was asked whether on behalf of the government the Intelligence Bureau was asked anything regarding the Book. He replied in negative. Those who have read this book can throw some light on the subject. I shall wait for replies from the readers.

Gumnami Baba has described the various places of Russia, China, Tibet, and Himalayan regions of India. He says, he knew Ho-chi-Minh very intimately. At present only Dalai Lama can confirm or deny the contentions of Gumnami Baba or about his relations with him. It is also possible to gather some information from the records etc. preserved in the archives of Vietnam. Probably, Mukherjee Commission may go to Vietnam in the coming days.

The famous hero of the Vietnam War General Giap is still living. He, probably, may throw some light on this aspect. The Indo-Vietnam relations are very cordial. There is mutual Co-operation between the two countries. If the matter is investigated, it is possible that something may come out.

Regarding Gumnami Baba's going to Manchuria excerpts from page 306 of 'Oi Mahamanb Ashe' is reproduced below.

" He had made his plan to disappear much before the Japanese surrender. So much so that prior to this he had visited 'R' (Russia). No body knew about it. He returned after a month and a half."

" The first departure in a bomber aircraft was absolutely fake. It was announced that he, along with Kimura and others were in the plane. Just after that the real bomber plane left for an unknown destination. The Minister Iyer had followed that bomber-plane with wealth and jewelleries. But he had gone to Tokyo. Part of the wealth and jewelleries he handed over to Ram Murti. Some valuable stones and jewelleries were sold and converted into cash. He got help in this regard from British



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army officer in Tokyo and foreign officers stationed in Japan."

" ' J.N.' Nehru knew about it. Out of huge wealth and jewelleries only a negligible portion was given to 'J' by Murti. Nothing out of the valuable stones and jewelleries was destroyed in the fire. It was only a concocted story. The story was concocted by Japanese Army, British Citizens, Govt. of India, and above all the members of the party. And for that reason no efforts were made to make enquiries."

" Unfortunately, there was a surprising coincidence, when he was by chance seen by a few Anglo-American and Japanese (unknown) workers in a hotel in Saigon. This incident took place after the news of the air crash and his death had spread." Here lies the real question- A few days after the alleged aircrash, did Gumnami Baba leave Saigon for some unknown destination ? A <sup>g</sup>through report of the American Intelligence Department is required in this matter to know the exact time when the plane left Saigon for Manchuria.

On this very subject there is the evidence of Shyam Lal Jain. And from that we get to know something. As stated by Jain, was it true that Nehru received some information from a reliable source ?

It is stated that 'Charan' (not real name) had handed over a piece of paper relating to the above mentioned subject to Lila Roy. That piece of paper must be now with the Mukherjee Commission. It is necessary to find out about the writer of this piece of information, and it is important to be proved by oral evidence of experts the matter of his handing over the same.

It is the established law that each of the contention recorded must be supported by reasonable proof.

Is there any oral evidence or written document of any witness available in the context of the alleged claims of Gumnami Baba or in support of his dis-appearance ? I can refer to the statement of Debnath Das. He was the Secretary-General for East Asia of the Indian Independence League . In 1953 in a signed statement he contended that on 17.05.1945 and



16-08-1945 Netaji himself had given him the responsibility of a great mission to be achieved as a Special Officer. The last direction was two days before the alleged air crash. What he had said inter alia has been written in 'Oi Mahamanab Ashe' , the same is reproduced below :-

" Just after a week of the announcement of Netaji's death, on 26 August, the Chief of the Japanese Military Intelligence, and a Military Officer of Toulune met me at Hanoi. Toulune is the Headquarters of Marshall Terauchi. The officer from Toulune had said, " Do not believe the incident of air crash as a true incident. You will decide about moving from one place to another and other plans as schemed in the 'Alternative Plan' by Netaji".

Debnath Das had stated all these while deposing before the Shah Nawaz Committee. Probably he had mentioned about this once again in a signed statement. That signed statement referred to in 'Oi Maha Manab Ashe ' must be available with the Mukherjee Commission. Probably, Debnath Das maintained a personal Diary. It is necessary that the said Diary is obtained from the family of Debnath Das by showing ethical reasons.

According to information given by Gumnami Baba, Alfred Wag, an American Spy was working from South-East Asia. This information was written by the Baba in a piece of paper at Faizabad. It has transpired that Wag worked in the guise of a journalist of Chicago Tribune. It has further come to light that after the news announced by Japanese Radio, Wag repeatedly told Pandit Nehru at Delhi on 29 August 1945 that 'Bose is alive and he was seen at Saigon four days before.' This information regarding Wag was given by Professor Samar Guha. But he forgot from where he got this information. But there are reports to this effect in contemporary news media. Subsequently Professor Guha wrote-"On 11 September 1945 at Jhansi, Nehru told A.P.I. (News Agency) that like other innumerable people, he did not believe in the news which has been published regarding the death of Subhas Chandra Bose." He had said, " I have received quite a few reports. The contents of those reports make me suspicious, and I do not believe in the authenticity of those news." (Country Must Know what Happened to Netaji-



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- By Samar Guha). That simple hearted, straight forward professor is no more. Now who will come forward to corroborate his version with logic ? Only American records can throw light on the truth. The source lies here. Most of the governments of the world hesitate to give out such sensitive information. The role which the present government has to take up precisely for getting hold of all those records will require it to exert diplomatic pressure and to adopt a policy of being sensitive to the issue.

I want to remind the readers about Mulka Govinda Reddy, who is still alive and at present he is 88.

While deposing before the Khosla Commission he had stated that he, along with Dr. L.M. Singhvi, Prakash Vir Shastri, Ram Sevak Jadav and another M.P. visited Taipei and Formosa in 1966. Dr. Lin, a liaison officer of the Foreign Ministry of Formosa <sup>Govt.</sup> was accompanying them. Dr. Lin, under the direction of the then Minister of State For Foreign Affairs had investigated the incident of the alleged air crash at Taihoku on 18 August 1945 resulting, in the death of Netaji. He also submitted a report to the government. He verbally told the visiting Parliamentary delegation that no positive proof regarding the death of Netaji in the said air crash could be found. The same version was heard by the visiting Parliamentary delegation from the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and the Mayor. According to Reddy this is a 'Vital information'. Probably this information had been noted by Prakash Vir Shastri. I feel this matter requires to be investigated. I do not know how this information was looked into by the Khosla Commission. Now enquiries can be made from Mulka Govinda Reddy. And if this cannot be done then the valuable information received in the past will be lost. Dr. L.M. Singhvi is still quite active. He can appear before the Commission and either corroborate or deny the evidence of Dr. Reddy.

What Gumnami Baba had told his close associates those have neither been recorded nor published anywhere. Some eminent persons like Dr. Pabitra Mohan Roy, Leela Roy, and a



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few others maintained their personal Diary. The Mukherjee Commission can get hold of those diaries. The contents of these diaries may, perhaps, throw some light regarding the identity of Gumnami Baba. Not only that these may also contain many information which may be of help in the work of Inquiry by the Commission.

Those persons who have such valuable information etc. they should voluntarily go to the Mukherjee Commission and submit their valuable records and diaries. And if that is not done all information and verbal proofs which may help in finding the identity of Gumnami Baba shall be lost for ever.

The valuable records etc. of the I.N.A. which are available in India and in foreign countries are of great importance as evidence. A research-worker may do research on this subject. I have seen an O.S. S. Report of 1944. It is seen from this report that an American group had entered into the office of the India Independence League. Naturally, I do not want to mention any name. (Netaji, Dr. Motilal Bhargava). The organisation prior to CIA was known as O.S.S. CIA was established after the 2nd World War.

✓ In the National Archives of Washington D.C. there are two declassified files regarding the death of Netaji. The number of those two files are - XL 38761- Death of Subhas Bose, 1946 and XL 47621- Death of Subhas Bose, 1946.

It is hoped that an Indian Research Scholar living in America will volunteer to come forward and do research with the help of these information and the records regarding Netaji preserved in U.S.A. I am surprised why the Indian Council of Historical Research is not making available sufficient funds for research relating to Netaji and I.N.A. Because Netaji played a very important part in the struggle for India's independence.

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Kolkata, dated, 18.11.04.

**From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),**  
**Officer on Special Duty**

**To : The Director (CNV),**  
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**Government of India,**  
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**S i r,**

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56 dated 28.9.04 requesting you to kindly arrange to procure and send to the Commission immediately a true copy of the report dated 23.5.1946 of Mr. Donovan with the name(s) allegedly mentioned in the original report and to request you to kindly do the needful as expeditiously as possible.

**Yours faithfully,**

( M. Roy )  
**Officer on Special Duty**

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Ministry of External Affairs  
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ADVICE TO THE SECRETARY

Reference is made to the letter of the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 10.12.54, regarding the proposed visit of the Hon. Mr. J. B. K. to the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, for the purpose of attending the meeting of the Committee of Experts on the subject of the International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Persons, which is to be held in New Delhi on 15.12.54.

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Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Commission will hold its next sitting on 09.12.2004 and if need be, on 10.12.2004 as well, starting at 11.00 AM at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine / further examine the witnesses as named below :-

1. Dr. V. K. Kashyap,
2. Shri Amar Singh,
3. Smt. Manwati Arya,
4. Shri J. K. Dutt,
5. Shri Subrata Bose, MP.
6. Shri Dibyajyoti Basu,
7. Shri Kamal Dutta
8. **Shri Gora Chand Dey**

Yours faithfully,



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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**  
 FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF  
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No JMCI/OVERSEAS WITNESSES/2000-01/70(III)/291

November 23, 2004

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)  
 Secretary

To  
 Sri U. K. Kalra,  
 Director (IS )  
 Ministry of Home Affairs  
 Government of India, North Block  
 New Delhi-110001

Sub Visit to Taipei and some other countries of Asia

Ref. Your letter No I (12014/6/2001-1A(D)III Pt (IV) dtd. 26/10/2004, -  
 Commission's letter No JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/83(III)/242  
 and your letter No I/12014/2/2004 NCB-II dated 8 10.04

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 11034/18/98-NCB-II dated 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 and the accompanying copy of the Government Notification dated 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 extending the term of the Commission upto 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 and to request you to kindly refer to the above-quoted correspondence regarding visit of the Commission to Taipei and some other countries of Asia.

As earlier intimated, the team of the Commission will consist of the Hon'ble Chairman and its Secretary only. A draft programme prepared on the basis of Flight Information received by the Commission is enclosed so that the process for according sanction may be initiated at your end without any avoidable delay. Steps are being taken for sending to you dully filled-in and signed proforma for approval of the proposed visit of the Commission to Singapore, Taipei, Vietnam, Bangkok and Malayasia as early as possible.

A number of deponents before the Commission have expressed their intention to take part /to remain present at the sittings/meetings of the Commission in the aforesaid countries. Some of them attended the sitting/meeting of the Commission in Japan. As many as five (5) such deponents including Shri Subrata Bose, M.P. have submitted written petitions (copies enclosed) to the Commission requesting that they may be given reasonably sufficient time for making preparation for visiting the countries for the aforesaid purpose. They have requested the Commission to give them notice of the programme of the visit at least three/four weeks before the date of the commencement of the visit.

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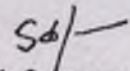


As the Commission has been informed by your Ministry that no further extension of the term beyond 14 05 2005 will be allowed and asked to submit its report before the expiry of this extended term, I am directed to request you to ensure that the necessary order of sanction is issued and communicated to the Commission with utmost despatch to enable the Commission to complete its visit to the abovesaid countries according to the enclosed programme after giving the deponents at least 3 or 4 week's notice.

As regards Point No (i) of your letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2004, I am directed to say, in addition to what was stated in the letter No. JMCI/ Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/83(III)/242 dated 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2004, that the External Affairs Ministry have informed that our Missions in Singapore, Hanoi, Bangkok and Kualalampur have been informed of the proposed visit of the Commission and have been requested to make all necessary logistics arrangements like accommodation, transport, interpreter, etc (vide d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol XII dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 of Shri L. D. Ralte Jt. Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi).

As regards Taipei, the Commission has been in correspondence with India-Taipei Association for all necessary logistics arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary.

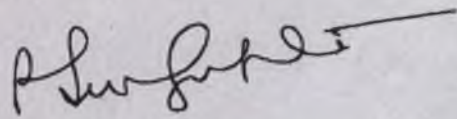
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November 23, 2004

Copy forwarded along with the copy of the Provisional Programme of visit is forwarded for information and necessary action to:

Shri L. D. Ralte,  
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Director(CNV) from FS(Pol)

This mail acknowledges JS(CNV)'s fax No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII dated 11 Nov 04 addressed to Ambassador and also given an interim reply.

In respect of para 3:

It is hereby informed that, as is obvious from Ambassador's letter No.TOK/102/02/03 dated 9 Apr 04, no formal request has been made recently. Our response to the request from Rev. Mochizuki in fact awaited response from the Ministry to the letter dated 9 Apr 04 from Ambassador.

However, if the question in para 3 JS(CNV)'s fax dated 11 Nov 04 meant if formal request was ever made for conducting the DNA test, then the answer is yes. It was done in Jan 03. In that case too, -it may quickly be added, following objections received then, the request was retracted and renewed instructions were sought from the Ministry. After Jan 03, no new request has been made to Renkoji Temple.

Correspondence of the period from Jan 03 till date between Mission and Ministry would bear this out.

In respect of para 4:

It is hereby informed that two officers from the Embassy are going to meet Rev. Mochizuki and ascertain his response. We would then revert in due course.

Regards.

G V Srinivas





L.D.Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI

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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII

11 November 2004

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to correspondence regarding DNA testing of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan.

2. The information contained in your letter No. TOK/102/02/03 dated 9 April, 2004, indicating therein that **Rev Mochizuki, the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple, was willing to hand over the casket containing the ashes if he could retain a portion of the remains in the Temple**, was conveyed to the Justice Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI).

3. The JMCI has conveyed its 'no objection' to the Head Priest's request. The Commission has meanwhile sought to know whether any formal request has been made in this regard to the Head Priest of the Temple and, if so, the result of that request.

4. The JMCI has also forwarded a copy of letter (enclosed) of Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, addressed to Chairman, JMCI, wherein the '**feasibility or otherwise**' of the DNA testing of the alleged ashes has been discussed. The JMCI has sought to know whether the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple would agree to the request to allow a competent person to be deputed by the Commission to '**sort out the potentially less charred pieces of bones**' from the casket containing the alleged ashes- as indicated in para 3 of Dr. Lalji's letter.

4. We will be grateful for your early response in the matter.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(L.D.Ralte)

To,

Shri M.L.Tripathi  
Ambassador  
Embassy of India  
Tokyo

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**Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,**  
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**to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)**  
**Secretary**

**Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry**  
**For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of**  
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D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/269

November 09, 2004

Dear

*Mr. Ralte,*

I am directed to request you to kindly refer to your letter No. 25/4/NGO-XII dated 31 May, 2004 regarding DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple and also to my d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03.83(III)/86 dated June 17, 2004 in reply to your letter.

Drawing your attention to the third para of your above-quoted letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2004, I am directed to request you to let the Commission know whether any formal request was made to the Head Priest of the temple and, if so, the result of that request. In my d.o. letter No. 83(III)/86 dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 I informed you that the Commission had no objection to the stipulation mentioned in the second sentence of the first para of your above-quoted letter dated 31 May, 2004. Till now no reply to my d.o. letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 has been received.

Meanwhile, the photographs of the alleged ashes, as received from the Indian Embassy in Japan, were shown to Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB at Hyderabad. I am directed to send herewith a copy of his letter No. CCMB/LS dated November 3, 2004 addressed to the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission in which he has expressed his opinion about the feasibility or otherwise of the DNA test of the alleged ashes.

Inviting your notice to the third para of the letter of Dr. Lalji Singh, I would request you to kindly intimate the Commission whether the Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple would accede to a request to allow a competent person to be deputed by the Commission 'to sort out the potentially less charred pieces of bones' from the casket containing the alleged ashes for the purpose of ascertaining whether DNA may be extracted from such pieces of bones.

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Further action will be taken by the Commission after receiving your reply.

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With regards,

Yours Sincerely  
*(Signature)*  
(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary

Enc: As above

Mr. L.D.Ralte  
Director (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110 001

D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/269/1

November 9, 2004

Copy forwarded to Sri U.K.Kalra Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001 for information and necessary action. Copy of the letter NO CCMB/LS dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2004 of Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB is enclosed.

Enc: As above

(P.K. Sengupta)  
Secretary



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Dr. Lalji Singh  
Director

No. DCCMB/LS  
November 3, 2004

Shri Justice M K Mukherjee  
The Hon'ble Chairman  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
Kolkata 700 087

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Dear Shri Mukherjee,

Shri P K Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose came to CCMB, Hyderabad on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2004 at 10:00 pm. He came to the laboratory on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 10:30 am and a meeting was held with the Director, CCMB, Dr Lalji Singh and the Scientist-in-charge of the Ancient DNA Facility, Dr K Thangaraj.

The photographs of the ashes supposed to be that of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose were carefully looked at. From the photographs, it appears that the bones are completely burnt leaving very little hope for the survival of DNA. However, on the examination of plates 4 and 6, it appears that there may be some portions of teeth and jaw bones relatively less charred compared to the other bones. Attempts could be made to bring those pieces of bones, which are relatively less charred to isolate DNA and to establish the identity of the deceased.

The Ancient DNA Facility at CCMB, which has been set-up with the funding support of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is fully functional. It is advisable that a scientist, specifically molecular biologist, could be requested to sort out the potentially less charred pieces of bones from a place of its storage in Japan to bring it to India. These selected pieces could be sealed in a plastic bag and brought to India at room temperature. It is not required to store the pieces of bones in ice or dry ice container. We are retaining the photographs brought by Shri Sengupta for our records.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*L. Singh*

[ Lalji Singh ]

5.11.04

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**L.D.Ralte**  
**Joint Secretary (CNV)**

**D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII****18 September 2004**

Dear

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 8 September 2004, 3 September 2004 and 12 August 2004 and your letters No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III/93 dated June 28, 2004 and No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III/124 dated August 04, 2004 and No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III/186 dated August 30, 2004) regarding proposed visit by the JMCI team to Russia.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation has conveyed that the information sought on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was not found in the **Central Archives of the Federation Security Service of Russia**. A copy of the note received by our Mission in Moscow in this regard, is enclosed for the Commission's information and record.

Yours sincerely,

*L.D.Ralte*  
(L.D.Ralte)

Shri P.K.Sengupta  
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**Copy for information to :-**

Shri Umesh Kalra, Director, NCB-II Section, Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, N.Delhi, w.r.t the aforementioned letter received from JMCI.





L.D.Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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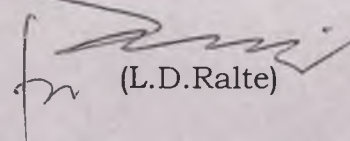
Dear

This is further to your letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/219 dated 27 September 2004 and our letters No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated 12 October 2004 and 18 October 2004 regarding proposed visit of the JMCI Team to Singapore, Taipei, Saigon, Bangkok and **Kuala Lumpur** from November 15-30, 2004.

2. As indicated in my last letter, our Mission in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) had approached the Government of Malaysia again, seeking permission for the JMCI to have access to the documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The **Malaysian authorities have granted permission** and have asked the Mission to submit application forms prescribed for this purpose, for their record.

3. You are requested to fill-in the **enclosed application forms** (separately for each member of the JMCI team) and refax the same to us, alongwith copies of **passport pages** in each case, for onward transmission to the Malaysian authorities.

Yours sincerely,

  
(L.D. Ralte)

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EPU/Research Form 1

The processing of your application is subject to you submitting a fully completed application form with all the required documents.

APPLICATION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN MALAYSIA

The Director General,  
Economic Planning Unit,  
Block B5 & B6,  
Federal Government Administrative Centre,  
62502 Putrajaya,  
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Of Applicant  
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I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Name (capital letters): .....
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8. Fax number: .....
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**II SPONSORSHIP**

1. Name of sponsoring agency.

[Please attach the relevant documents from the sponsoring agency.]

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**III PAST EDUCATION**

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Post Graduate			
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**IV. RESEARCH INFORMATION**

1. Are you candidate for a degree: Yes: [ ] No: [ ]

2. If "YES"

i. Degree: .....

ii. Field of Study: .....

iii. Institution: .....

iv. Commencement date: .....

v. Completion date: .....

vi. Supervisor's name: .....

3. Title of Research (Please attach research proposal with details of objectives, methodology, definition of concepts, locations of research, duration and research schedule).

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4. Field of study.

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6. Duration of Research in Malaysia:

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**7. Details of previous research conducted in Malaysia.**

Title of Research	Year Undertaken	Publication	Date Submitted to Malaysian Government

**8. Details of previous visit(s) to Malaysia and nature of visit(s):**

Date(s)	Nature of Visit(s)



**V. MALAYSIAN COUNTERPART (applicable to foreign researchers only)**

(Please attach the letter of consent from your Malaysian counterpart together with his/her curriculum vitae).

1. Name: .....

2. Address: .....

3. Research will result in:

- (i) Thesis/Dissertation [ ]
- (ii) Report [ ]
- (iii) Publication [ ]
- (iv) Others (Please specify) [ ]

**VI. ENTRY VISA**

- (1) Indicate Malaysian Embassy/High Commission/Consular Office from which you would like to collect your entry visa should your research be approved.



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**VII. DECLARATION/AGREEMENT BY APPLICANT**

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1. I certify that the details and information provided in this form are true and accurate.
2. I, hereby agree:
  - (i) To personally return the research pass and a copy of a preliminary report on the research undertaken to EPU before departure from Malaysia;
  - (ii) To submit at no cost to the EPU three copies of my dissertation, final report or publication as well as in diskette form;
  - (iii) To refrain from publishing any information prejudicial to the integrity and national interest of Malaysia.
  - (iv) Not to surreptitiously remove any specimen from Malaysia without prior knowledge or written approval from the agency/agencies concern.

**RESEARCHERS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESEARCH PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE BARRED FROM UNDERTAKING ANY SUBSEQUENT RESEARCH IN MALAYSIA.**

Date: .....

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Signature of Applicant**IMPORTANT****Checklist Before Submission Of Application**

- ☐ The Completed Form (Signed, dated and photograph affixed);
- ☐ Research Proposal;
- ☐ An Official Letter From Funding/Sponsoring Agency (with amount of funding stated);
- ☐ A Letter Of Support From Malaysian Counterpart;
- ☐ A Photostat Copy of Passport ; and
- ☐ A Letter to Effect Payment.





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भारत का उच्चायोग  
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA  
KUALA LUMPUR

14 October, 2004

Dear Shri Ralte,

Reference your fax message dated 01 October 2004 regarding the proposed visit of a 2-member team of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Malaysia and other countries.

2. As per the available records in this Mission, the then Director (CNV), MEA had been conveyed vide this Mission's letter of even number dated 24 February 2004 that the National Archives of Malaysia was not able to furnish any information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Further, vide this Mission's letter of even number dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2003, the then JS (CNV), MEA was informed of the demise of Shri Amrik Singh Gill of the Indian National Army, who was reported to be living in Kuala Lumpur.

3. In view of the foregoing, this Mission may be informed of the arrangements to be made in connection with the JMCI's visit to Malaysia. We are, however, approaching the National Archives of Malaysia once again and Shri Dato' G. S. Gill, brother of the deceased Shri Amrik Singh Gill, who is living in Kuala Lumpur, to provide information to the JMCI during the proposed visit to Kuala Lumpur. In addition, we are also approaching the Netaji Service Centre in Kuala Lumpur to help the JMCI in facilitating its inquiry.

4. The Mission will make logistic arrangements like accommodation, transport, reception and see-off, etc on receipt of travel plan of the JMCI. Action has, however, been initiated for other arrangements such as video recording, still photography, etc.

5. Looking forward to receive your response.

6. This issues with the approval of the High Commissioner.

With regards,

V. Mahalingam  
First Secretary (PIE) & HOC

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भारत का उच्चायोग  
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA  
KUALA LUMPUR  
29 October, 2004

Sub: **Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Malaysia**

Dear Shri Ralte,

This is in continuation of our earlier communication dated 14 October 2004 on the above mentioned subject.

2. This Mission approached the relevant authorities of Government of Malaysia requesting permission for the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to have access to the documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which may be in possession of the National Archives of Malaysia. While permission has been accorded by the Government of Malaysia, the Mission has been asked by the Malaysian authorities to have the enclosed application filled in and forwarded to them for their record purposes. It is, therefore, requested that the enclosed forms may be got filled in by the each member of the JMCI and forwarded to us along with a copy of their passports.

With regards,

V. Mahalingam

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First Secretary (PIE) & HOC

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Director (CNV)  
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**EPU/Research Form 1**

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Of Applicant  
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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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7. Tel. number:.....

8. Fax number: .....

9. E-mail: .....



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10. Home address:.....

11. City/State Code:.....

12. Nationality at Birth: .....

13. Date &amp; Place of Birth: .....

14. Current Nationality: .....

15. Passport Number: .....Date &amp; place of issue: .....

Expiry Date:.....

16. Marital Status: .....

**II. SPONSORSHIP**

1. Name of sponsoring agency.

[Please attach the relevant documents from the sponsoring agency.]

2. Amount: .....

**III. PAST EDUCATION**

Level of Academic Qualification	Education: Institution & location	Period of Study	Major Field of Study
First Degree			
Post Graduate			
Others			



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**IV. RESEARCH INFORMATION**

1. Are you candidate for a degree: Yes: [ ] No: [ ]

2. If "YES"

i. Degree : .....

ii. Field of Study: .....

iii. Institution: .....

iv. Commencement date: .....

v. Completion date: .....

vi. Supervisor's name: .....

3. Title of Research (Please attach research proposal with details of objectives, methodology, definition of concepts, locations of research, duration and research schedule).

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4. Field of study.

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5. Referral Agencies.

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6. Duration of Research in Malaysia:

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**Question 7 and 8 Refer To Foreign Researchers Only****7. Details of previous research conducted in Malaysia.**

Title of Research	Year Undertaken	Publication	Date Submitted to Malaysian Government

**8. Details of previous visit(s) to Malaysia and nature of visit(s):**

Date(s)	Nature of Visit(s)



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**V. MALAYSIAN COUNTERPART (applicable to foreign researchers only)**

(Please attach the letter of consent from your Malaysian counterpart together with his/her curriculum vitae).

1. Name:.....

2. Address:.....

3. Research will result in:

(i) Thesis/Dissertation [ ]

(ii) Report [ ]

(iii) Publication [ ]

(iv) Others (Please specify) [ ]

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**VI. ENTRY VISA**

(1) Indicate Malaysian Embassy/High Commission/Consular Office from which you would like to collect your entry visa should your research be approved.

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**VII. DECLARATION/AGREEMENT BY APPLICANT**

1. I certify that the details and information provided in this form are true and accurate.
2. I, hereby agree:
  - (i) To personally return the research pass and a copy of a preliminary report on the research undertaken to EPU before departure from Malaysia;
  - (ii) To submit at no cost to the EPU three copies of my dissertation, final report or publication as well as in diskette form;
  - (iii) To refrain from publishing any information prejudicial to the integrity and national interest of Malaysia.
  - (iv) Not to surreptitiously remove any specimen from Malaysia without prior knowledge or written approval from the agency/agencies concern.

**RESEARCHERS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE RESEARCH PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE BARRED FROM UNDERTAKING ANY SUBSEQUENT RESEARCH IN MALAYSIA.**

Date: .....

.....  
Signature of Applicant**IMPORTANT****Checklist Before Submission Of Application**

- ☐ The Completed Form (Signed, dated and photograph affixed);
- ☐ Research Proposal;
- ☐ An Official Letter From Funding/Sponsoring Agency (with amount of funding stated);
- ☐ A Letter Of Support From Malaysian Counterpart;
- ☐ A Photostat Copy of Passport ; and
- ☐ A Letter to Effect Payment.





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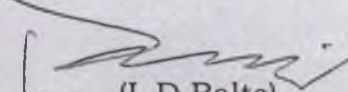
Dear

This is further to your letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/219 dated 27 September 2004 and our letters No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated 12 October 2004 and 18 October 2004 regarding proposed visit of the JMCI Team to Singapore, Taipei, Saigon, Bangkok and **Kuala Lumpur** from November 15-30, 2004.

2. As indicated in my last letter, our Mission in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) had approached the Government of Malaysia again, seeking permission for the JMCI to have access to the documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The **Malaysian authorities have granted permission** and have asked the Mission to submit application forms prescribed for this purpose, for their record.

3. You are requested to fill-in the **enclosed application forms** (separately for each member of the JMCI team) and refax the same to us, alongwith copies of **passport pages** in each case, for onward transmission to the Malaysian authorities.

Yours sincerely,

  
(L.D. Ralte)

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भारत का उच्चायोग  
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA  
KUALA LUMPUR  
29 October, 2004

Sub: Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Malaysia

Dear Shri Ralte,

This is in continuation of our earlier communication dated 14 October 2004 on the above mentioned subject.

2. This Mission approached the relevant authorities of Government of Malaysia requesting permission for the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to have access to the documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which may be in possession of the National Archives of Malaysia. While permission has been accorded by the Government of Malaysia, the Mission has been asked by the Malaysian authorities to have the enclosed application filled in and forwarded to them for their record purposes. It is, therefore, requested that the enclosed forms may be got filled in by the each member of the JMCI and forwarded to us along with a copy of their passports.

With regards,

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28 October 2004

Dear

*Shri Sengupta,*

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70(II)/432 dated 5 February 2004, and letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70(III)/192 dated 2 September 2004 regarding your request for obtaining a copy of book titled "**Kojak Rebels**" written by **Gerald De Cruz**.

2. It has since transpired that the Book is actually titled: "**Rojak Rebels**". It was initially understood that the author of the book - Mr. Gerald De Cruz, who has since deceased, had acted as the personal assistant to Netaji Subhas Bose in Saigon during the period 1943 to 1945 and that he had married a Bulgarian lady. It was revealed that his son **Mr. Simon Tensing De Cruz** is presently Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar.

3. Our Ambassador posted in Yangon, Myanmar contacted **Ambassador Simon Tensing De Cruz** in this regard. During the discussion Ambassador Cruz categorically stated that his father did not serve as the personal assistant to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. He said that his father had in-fact served as the first non-Indian for **Free India Radio in Saigon** and that he was a good friend of Lt. Col. Inayat Hassan of the INA.

4. **Ambassador De Cruz** also revealed during the meeting that the book- "**Rojak Rebels**" had been out of print for long and that he had no extra copies of the same. When requested for a photo-stat of the one and only copy of the book available with him, he showed some reluctance, pointing out that much of the book did not relate to Netaji. He however provided a photocopy of the specific chapter, which was relevant to Netaji. The photocopy is enclosed for your perusal and record.

5. We trust the information would be of interest to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

*With regards,*

Yours sincerely,

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Immediate

No. Yan/384/1/03

October 13, 2004

My dear Ralte,

Further to my e-mail of October 11 and with reference to your letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol-XII dated October 7, I discussed the issues relating to Mr. Gerald de Cruz, with his son Mr. Simon de Cruz, the present Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar. The Ambassador categorically stated that his father did not serve as the personal assistant to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. He said that his father served as the first non-Indian for Free India Radio in Saigon and that he was a good friend of Lt. Col. Inayat Hassan of INA.

2. The Ambassador further observed that, on making enquiries, he found that no extra copies of his father's book were available and that the book had been out of print for long. When I requested him to help us with a photocopy of the copy of book he had, with him, he showed some reluctance, pointing out that much of the book did not relate to Netaji. However, he agreed to give us a photocopy of the specific chapter which was relevant to Netaji. This photocopy is enclosed. We hope that this will serve the purpose of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

3. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

With good wishes,

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Yours sincerely,

R.K. Bhatia  
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Shri L.D. Ralte,  
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# ROJAK REBEL

## *Memoirs of a Singapore Maverick*

a worthy chronicler of the times  
...the Spontaneous Man *par excellence*  
—Dennis Bloodworth

### Gerald de Cruz





## *I Travel 1,000 Miles on Errand of Mercy*

AS THE FIRST YEAR of the Japanese Occupation of Singapore drew to a close, my father fell ill from a mysterious, lingering malady. The doctor could find nothing organically wrong with him, but slowly he began to lose his appetite, and to fade away in front of our very eyes.

It seemed to me to be more of a psychological illness than a mere organic upset. After all, the Japanese conquest of Singapore had eliminated the only world, the world of the white man, which my father had known, and within which he had grown up. Moreover, his own family had been scattered, by fate and by war, to the four winds.

My mother had died ten years before; and my youngest brother, Guy, was a POW in the barbarous Japanese camp in Thailand, building the infamous Death Railway there. We did not know whether he was alive or dead.

And there was still no news of my kid sister Hazel, on whom my father had doted, although a year and more had passed since we had sent her to India to avoid the Japanese Occupation. Other relatives had managed, through the Indian Red Cross, to send back reassuring messages of their survival and their safety; but there had been no news at all from or about Hazel. This convinced my father that she was dead and that our relatives in India were conspiring to keep the bad news from him.

It was true that Dudley, my younger brother, was alive and well but I, his eldest son, still continued in these hazardous times to send Dad to Coventry. I had been the apple of my father's eye, and to him this was probably the "unkindest cut of all".

Then, in November 1942, the dreaded Kempeitai, the Japanese



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secret police, arrested a group of Katong Eurasians, one of whom was my father, for secretly listening to forbidden BBC broadcasts.

One of the group was executed, but my father and the others, after months in Kempeitai cells, were released. They dared not say a word about their ordeal although it was strongly rumoured that they had been tortured. This could have been the last straw for my father, for soon after his release, his mysterious illness began.

I decided that the only way I could help him was to try and get a message to my sister Hazel in India explaining that Dad was very ill and that we needed news of her safety and whereabouts to cheer him up. I was confident that Hazel was alive and well and that her silence was accidental.

If I did manage to get back news from Hazel, I argued to myself, one of Dad's major concerns would have been removed, and his hope for an eventual reunion with Hazel would help to restore his morale and give him back the will to live.

I must confess, to my shame, that the thought that I should myself seek to be reconciled with him never – so self-righteous was my anger with him – crossed my mind.

Quite by chance I met Tom Hope, a veteran newspaperman working in the daily *Syonan Shimbun*, which had replaced *The Straits Times*. He informed me that Indian POWs in Singapore and Malaya were successfully sending messages to India and getting return messages via the Free India Radio in Saigon, which was being run by the Indian National Army (INA).

The INA was the organization led by Subhas Chandra Bose, the well-known Indian nationalist leader, which, under the auspices of the Japanese, was meant to spearhead the Japanese attack on India from Burma. And that was why the Death Railway was being built, to transport INA and Japanese forces to the Indian border.

It now became my objective to use the Free India Radio in Saigon to get a message to and from my sister in India.

Fortunately, just about this time, the *Syonan* (Singapore) radio advertised vacancies for English-speaking radio personnel at the Japanese-controlled Radio Saigon which broadcast worldwide in the English language. I applied at once for the post of news editor



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and, after being tested, was selected, along with two other Singaporeans.

We were to travel by rail from Singapore to Padang Besar on the Thai border, and then by cattle-truck across Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam to Saigon – about a thousand miles in all. All these countries were under Japanese hegemony, so I wasn't surprised, on the morning of our departure from Singapore, that the other two successful candidates did not turn up.

At Kuala Lumpur we picked up a thin, chain-smoking Brahmin from Madras, another successful candidate, who was the laziest person I had ever met. Whenever we changed trains or cattle-trucks, he would hire one porter to carry his briefcase, a second to carry the small leather case in which he kept a change of clothing and his shaving kit, and a third porter to carry the book he was reading at the time.

The cattle-trucks at Padang Besar were packed with Japanese soldiers going on leave to Bangkok, and we squeezed among them. Since they could hiss only a few words in English, we got on well enough with them and they kindly shared their army rations with us.

Bangkok is a blur in my memory; but the rice fields of Thailand, stretching from horizon to horizon, were unforgettable. Phnom-Penh, whose lilting syllables had enchanted me at school, was another blur.

And then, after a week of hard, continuous travel in our bumpy cattle-trucks, we arrived in Saigon, the capital city of French Indo-China. Built with French precision, its streets were all at right angles to one another, and all converged into a great city square, in the centre of which blossomed a glorious cathedral that seemed to be "half as old as time".

I lasted only a few months at my job in Saigon, when I unwittingly absented myself for the entire Easter weekend as had been the custom in Singapore. I returned to the office only on the Tuesday, to be confronted by my enraged colleagues – all of them Japanese officers.

Brushing aside my explanations, one of them, Kamaguchi, who was large and beetle-browed, gave me a thundering slap on the face



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which sent my spectacles flying. I responded automatically with a lucky blow that exploded on the point of his chin and floored him. Then the others pounced on me and I ran for my life!

Fortunately, the Japanese are short-legged people, so I easily outran my pursuers as I dashed headlong to my destination, the large bungalow that housed the personnel of the Free India Radio in Saigon which was about a mile away from my office.

I had visited them before and come to know them. Their chief was one Colonel Naga, a self-opinionated and pompous bore of 42, with a synthetic "Haw-haw" English accent who knew as much about running a radio station as he knew about growing avocados in Australia.

But his deputy, Lieut.-Colonel Inayat Hassan, who concealed a razor-keen intellect and an infectious sense of humour behind a fierce moustache, was an entirely different kettle of fish. He had the noble, aquiline features of his Rajput ancestors and he handled the English language masterfully.

It was Inayat who ran the station with clockwork precision, and it was to his room that I now fled for sanctuary, gasping out my story and appealing to him for help as my Japanese pursuers were not far behind.

"Don't worry," replied the unflappable Inayat. "Just sit down and get your breath back." I sat down, breathing heavily and, a few seconds later, my three Japanese pursuers burst into the room, led by the man I had knocked down and demanded that I be returned to them to be punished for hitting a Japanese officer.

Rising slowly and deliberately to his full height of six feet two inches and towering over the little Japanese officers, Inayat, his thick moustache bristling with anger, warned them sternly: "If you touch a single hair on his head, I shall personally throw all three of you out of the window of this room!"

This threat stopped the Japanese in their tracks. There had been too many incidents already of fights between INA soldiers and Japanese soldiers who had tried to humiliate them, so after a hurried discussion among themselves they sheepishly left the room, and I became the first non-Indian to work for the Free



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India Radio in Saigon.

The following week I sent a message to India, informing my sister of Dad's illness and entreating her to reply. Just a week later, Hazel replied that she was well and happy, had joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (India) or WAACI and was engaged to be married to an American warrant officer. I relayed this message back to Singapore via an INA medical officer and sat back to enjoy myself in Saigon.

What followed was one of the happiest years in my life, for I had found both a cause and a very good friend.

The cause was the noble cause of Indian freedom to which I had been converted many years before after reading the remarkable autobiography of Pandit Nehru, the leader under Mahatma Gandhi, of India's long struggle for independence.

Now that I had the opportunity to do something for India, I threw myself into the work of the Free India Radio in Saigon, writing weekly talks that were broadcast to India denouncing Britain's imperialistic stranglehold on India, and inciting the Indian masses to rebel.

Inayat Hassan was twenty-four and I a year younger when we met in Saigon. Somehow, during that year, our many joint activities - cooperating in our radio work, having long discussions on every subject under the sun, and our occasional escapades into Saigon's multifaceted night life - blew into flame again the embers of our youth, which had been almost snuffed out under the jack-boot heels of the unspeakable vileness of the Second World War.

Once again, for both of us in Saigon, "Twas bliss in that dawn to be alive, and to be young was very heaven!"

At the beginning of 1944, Inayat was recalled to Singapore and placed in charge of the INA's rear headquarters there when the combined Japanese and INA attack on India began from the Burmese border at Imphal.

But this offensive collapsed, and was followed by the collapse of the entire Japanese war effort when the Allies dropped atom bombs on Japan, forcing the Japanese Government into unconditional surrender.



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Inayat and other INA leaders were rounded up by the triumphant British and imprisoned in the Red Fort in Delhi. All of them except Inayat were released without trial, when the issue of their release became an India-wide theme of agitation by the Indian National Congress. Inayat was not released because the British held a special grudge against him for his blistering attacks on them over the Free India Radio.

He was, however, visited weekly by Pandit Nehru, and a deep attachment was formed between the old lion and the young one.

Over in Singapore – to which I had returned from Saigon – a certain officer of British Intelligence warned me that, as a result of my radio broadcasts from Saigon, he had enough evidence against me “to hang you from seven trees!”

“Your fate,” he warned, “depends on the action taken against Inayat Hassan in the Red Fort.”

Meanwhile, over in India, Pandit Nehru finally lost his temper with the dilatory tactics of the British in deciding Inayat’s case, and he peremptorily demanded Inayat’s full and unconditional release immediately.

This was the time of the delicate mission to India of Sir Stafford Cripps and the British could ill afford Nehru’s displeasure, so Inayat was suddenly released.

When I next met the British Intelligence officer in Singapore, I said teasingly (in reference to Inayat’s release from gaol), “I hear that your seven trees have all been cut down!” He glowered at me, but said nothing. He now lives in Australia, a fate which he probably deserves.

A few months later, Inayat himself turned up in Singapore as the Far East correspondent of the *Free Press of India*, and stayed with my family for a week in Katong, reliving our colourful Saigon experiences.

Then Inayat left Singapore for Indonesia to report on the Indonesian nationalist uprising in 1946, which was being militarily threatened by reactionary Dutch armed forces wanting to restore Dutch hegemony over the entire archipelago.

His military acumen warning him that the Indonesian situation was untenable, Inayat played a major role in convincing President



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Sukarno that the latter had no military answer to the Dutch and should, therefore, undertake a diplomatic offensive. Inayat suggested that Sukarno should take the Indonesian case for independence to the United Nations in New York and there win formal recognition of Indonesian independence from that world body whose prestige was then at its highest.

India, urged Inayat, would certainly bring its great moral and diplomatic weight to bear behind the Indonesian case for independence, and the United Nations, in turn, would be able to bring enormous world pressure to bear against the Dutch.

President Sukarno finally agreed and sent an Indonesian delegation, accompanied by Inayat, first to New Delhi, to win the approval of Pandit Nehru and the Indian National Congress for its plan, and then to New York where the Indonesians won recognition of their right to independence. Two years later, the Dutch forces withdrew.

And there we must leave Inayat Hassan - a great crusader and a good friend.